

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Energy and Environment****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Do Pass As Amended, Be Printed Engrossed, And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 03/26, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Boone, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Reardon, Vega Pederson

Nays: 2 - Heard, Weidner

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Makes legislative findings. Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to conduct study analyzing programs to support energy efficiency under specified statutes. For period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2014, study must assess costs and benefits to state and describe obstacles ODOE encountered in program administration for each program. Requires ODOE to develop specified standardized criteria for assessing cost and benefits to state for each listed program to be used in study conducted on 2007-2014 time period and as tools for assessing programs in future. Lists factors ODOE may consider in assessing costs and benefits. Directs ODOE to submit preliminary report on study progress and development of standard criteria to Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2016 and final report no later than February 1, 2018. Repeals measure provisions January 2, 2019. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Use of performance metrics
- How to measure all costs of energy generation
- Whether ODOE or contractor would perform study

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure except whereas statements.

**BACKGROUND:**

The mission of the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is to reduce the long-term cost of energy for Oregonians. ODOE administers a variety of programs, including programs that offer energy conservation project tax credits (ORS 315.331), alternative energy device and alternative fuel vehicle tax credits (ORS 316.116), renewable energy resource tax credits and grants (ORS 469B.100 – 118, and energy conservation projects (ORS 469B.270 – 306).

House Bill 2627A would direct ODOE to conduct a study of specific energy efficiency programs and report to the Legislative Assembly.