

**Fiscal:** No Fiscal Impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 05/20/15

**Action:** Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

**Meeting Dates:** 05/20

**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expresses policy position of state that regional transmission planning processes conducted for regions wholly or partly encompassing areas of state must adequately consider transmission of electricity from ocean renewable energy generated in Oregon's territorial sea or within adjacent federal waters.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Preparation for future development of technologically and financially accessible ocean renewable energy
- Relationship between ocean renewable energy and resiliency of grid

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's territorial sea, defined as the ocean and seafloor area from mean low water seaward three nautical miles, has been identified as a favorable location for siting renewable energy projects, including wave energy. These facilities vary in type and may require structures and equipment to be anchored to the seafloor and transfer energy to on-shore substations. House Bill 2187A declares as state policy that regional transmission planning processes should adequately consider the transmission of ocean renewable energy from Oregon's territorial sea and adjacent federal waters.