

House Bill 3253

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to conduct study and develop recommendations for legislation to encourage transition to cleaner burning woodstoves or other cleaner home heating options.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to energy source conversion programs; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall conduct a study and de-**
5 **velop recommendations for legislation to encourage homeowners to transition from the use**
6 **of older, polluting woodstoves to cleaner burning woodstoves or other cleaner solid fuel**
7 **burning devices or home heating systems. The recommendations shall include strategies for**
8 **encouraging the use of biomass.**

9 (2) In conducting the study, the department shall consult with other state agencies and
10 members of the public that have an interest in policy options to encourage the transition
11 from the use of older, polluting woodstoves.

12 (3) The department shall submit a report with the results of the study, and shall include
13 recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
14 lated to environment and natural resources in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on
15 or before September 15, 2016.

16 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.**

17 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
18 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
19 **on its passage.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.