

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

**REVENUE:** Revenue statement issued**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:****Action:****Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Patrick Brennan, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 2/17, 2/22

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires each electric company providing electricity to retail consumers located in Oregon to eliminate coal-fired resources from the electric company's electricity supply. Modifies compliance requirements for renewable portfolio standards and makes other changes to provisions setting forth renewable portfolio standards. Directs the Public Utility Commission to establish a stranded costs obligation associated with condemnation of, or transaction related to, service territory or property of an electric company. Directs the Commission to allow, in a public bidding process for procurement of a renewable energy generating facility, the inclusion of value of long-term access to and use of the facility beyond the time at which the facility is fully depreciated. Directs the Commission to establish the means by which an electric company may track and credit or charge customers for the difference between state or federal production tax credits included in rates charged by the electric company and the actual production tax credits received by the electric company. Requires each electric company to file applications with the Commission for programs to accelerate transportation electrification. Allows the return of, and return on investment made by, an electric company for purposes of the programs. Directs the Commission to establish a program for creation of community solar projects. Repeals minimum solar energy capacity standard for electric companies. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Pending closure of Boardman coal power plant
- Potential ballot initiatives
- Oregon's targets for electricity generated by renewable sources
- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

*[-A35 amendment]* Deletes provisions related to transportation electrification programs.

*[-A36 amendment]* Requires electric companies to file forecast with Commission regarding increases in electricity rates related to transportation electrification programs and community solar programs.

*[-A41 amendment]* Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) was enacted in 2007 through Senate Bill 838. The bill directed Oregon utilities to meet a percentage of their retail electricity needs with qualified renewable resources. For Oregon's three largest utilities (Portland General Electric, PacifiCorp, and the Eugene Water and Electric Board), the standard starts at 5 percent in 2011, increases to 15 percent in 2015, 20 percent in 2020, and 25 percent in 2025. Other electric utilities in the state, depending on size, have standards of 5 or 10 percent in 2025.

House Bill 4036-A requires electric companies to eliminate coal-fired resources from their electricity supply on or before January 1, 2030, revises the state's renewable portfolio standard, and creates a community solar program.

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***HOUSE FLOOR VOTE: 39-20***