

HB 2343 -3, -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Replaces requirements for State Department of Energy (Department) to complete biennial comprehensive energy plan and biennial energy forecast with requirement for Department to complete biennial comprehensive energy report. Requires report to include, but not be limited to, data and information on: consumption, generation, transmission and production of energy; energy costs; energy sectors, markets, technologies, resources and facilities; energy efficiency and conservation; effects of energy use; relevant local, state, regional and federal regulations, policies and planning activities; and emerging energy opportunities, challenges and impacts. Requires report be compiled by collecting, organizing and refining data and information acquired by Department in performance of existing duties or submitted for purpose of compiling report. Requires Department to seek and provide opportunities for public comment while developing report. Requires report to be transmitted to Governor and Legislature no later than November 1st of every even numbered year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 Replaces measure. Changes title of existing Oregon Department of Energy comprehensive plan to comprehensive energy report.

-5 Removes express rulemaking authority. Clarifies Act is not intended to allow disclosure of records exempt under inspection of public records statute (192.410 to 192.505). Requires Department of Energy to establish procedures for: allowing a person to request exclusion of specific data from report and protect data and information ODOE determines to be exempt in accordance with statute. Authorize ODOE to utilize data and information that is exempt from disclosure in compilation or analysis included in report provided that the data is disclosed in identifiable manner.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 469.060, the Oregon Department of Energy (Department) is required to prepare a comprehensive energy plan every biennium. Statute requires the energy plan to include comments on the energy forecasts of the utilities and the Department's independent analysis and evaluation. The Department is directed to identify emerging trends related to energy supply, need and conservation and public health and safety factors; and to estimate the level of statewide energy need for each year in the upcoming five-year period and for the 10th and 20th year following issuance of the plan. The Department is also directed, under ORS 469.070, to issue a biennial energy forecast.

House Bill 2343 replaces current report requirements with the direction to the Department to complete a biennial comprehensive energy report .