

HB 2133 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that up to 20 average megawatts of electricity per calendar year from a single biomass facility may be used to comply with requirement on source of electricity under state's renewable portfolio standard.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Specifies that regardless of facility's nameplate capacity, it may be used to comply with requirement only for up to 20 megawatts of capacity.

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Has minimal fiscal impact

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) was enacted in 2007 with the passage of Senate Bill 838 (ORS 469A) which adopted a 25 percent RPS by 2025 for large utilities. In 2016, Senate Bill 1547 increased the RPS to 50 percent by 2040 while mandating the elimination of coal generation from Oregon rates by 2030. Senate Bill 1547 also directed Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp to source by 2025 at least eight percent of their sales from projects that have a generating capacity of 20 MW or less, or from facilities that generate electricity using biomass that also generate thermal energy for a secondary purpose.

House Bill 2133 (2017) amends the eight percent community-based renewable energy requirement by capping at 20 average megawatts of electricity per calendar year the amount of energy that can be used from a single biomass facility to meet the small-scale renewable energy goal.