

**HB 2343 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Replaces requirement for State Department of Energy to complete a biennial comprehensive energy plan and biennial energy forecast with requirement for Department to complete biennial comprehensive energy report. Specifies elements of report.

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

REVENUE: No revenue impact

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Under ORS 469.060, the Oregon Department of Energy is required to prepare a comprehensive energy plan every biennium. The 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, as well as 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-A replaces the current report requirements with a directive to complete a biennial comprehensive energy report.

**HOUSE VOTE: 33-26**