

SB 908 A -A2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Oregon Energy Commission as a policy and rulemaking body for the Oregon Department of Energy. Transfers specified duties of the Department to the Commission and modifies the general duties of the Department. Makes modifications to state energy policy. Directs the Department to develop a statewide strategic energy plan, present a draft version of the plan to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2019, and directs the Commission to adopt the plan no later than January 1, 2020 and periodically update the plan. Requires the Department to provide a biennial comprehensive energy report to the Governor and Legislative Assembly. Becomes operative January 1, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A2 Adds four non-voting members to the Oregon Energy Commission. Requires Department of Energy to include information on impact of state agency activities in achieving greenhouse gas emissions goals in biennial report to Governor and legislative assembly.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is the state's regulatory entity for energy production and transmission. It is comprised of five divisions: Nuclear Safety and Emergency Preparedness; Energy Development Services; Energy Planning and Innovation; Energy Siting and Central Services.