

**HB 2133 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Energy and Environment**

**Carrier:** Rep. Johnson

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**Action Date:** 04/17/17  
**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)  
**Vote:** 6-3-0-0  
**Yeas:** 6 - Barnhart, Helm, Holvey, Johnson, Marsh, Power  
**Nays:** 3 - Bentz, Reschke, Smith DB  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ensure that large biomass projects would not consume most or all of the eight percent small-scale renewable requirement
- Technical fix to Senate Bill 1547 (2016) to provide a cap for the amount of electricity that could be generated from biomass facility

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces measure.

**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 established a community-based renewable energy requirement which 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 2133A would amend the eight percent community-based renewable energy requirement to specify that regardless of a facility's nameplate capacity, the facility may be used to comply with requirement for up to 20 megawatts of capacity.