House Bill 3164

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY, Senator BEYER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.**

Directs State Department of Energy to study existing residential energy tax credit and need for residential energy incentive programs. Directs department to report on study to certain interim committees of Legislative Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.

Sunsets January 2, 2019.

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Extends sunset for construction or installation of alternative energy devices.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to incentives for residential energy users; creating new provisions; amending sections 5a and 8a, chapter 832, Oregon Laws 2005; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall conduct a study of the residential energy tax credit allowed under ORS 316.116. In this study, the department will also assess the need for residential energy incentive programs such as the tax credit allowed under ORS 316.116.

- (2) If the department determines that there is a continuing need for the tax credit allowed under ORS 316.116, the department shall make recommendations for redesigning the tax credit program. Any redesigned tax credit program shall include:
- (a) Program goals and metrics designed to ensure that the program is correctly targeted to promote renewable energy, energy efficiency, greenhouse gas emission reductions or energy resiliency; and
- (b) Requirements for information technology systems that are sufficient to ensure that the department is able to measure energy generation and savings from the program and is able to collect relevant data.
- (3) The department shall also, as part of the study required by this section, prepare a summary of incentives offered to residential energy users in this state, by regions in this state.
- (4) The department shall submit a report with the results of the study, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy resources in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before December 31, 2017.
 - SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2019.
- SECTION 3. Section 5a, chapter 832, Oregon Laws 2005, as amended by section 35, chapter 843, Oregon Laws 2007, section 12, chapter 913, Oregon Laws 2009, section 16, chapter 83, Oregon Laws 2011, and section 67, chapter 730, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:
 - Sec. 5a. (1) A taxpayer may not be allowed a credit under ORS 316.116 if the first tax year for

which the	credit	would	otherwise	be	allowed	with	respect	to	an	alternative	energy	device	begins
on or after	Janua	ry 1, [2	2018] 2020 .										

- (2) A taxpayer may not be allowed a credit under ORS 316.116 if the first tax year for which the credit would otherwise be allowed with respect to an alternative fuel vehicle or related equipment begins on or after January 1, 2012.
- **SECTION 4.** Section 8a, chapter 832, Oregon Laws 2005, as amended by section 13, chapter 913, Oregon Laws 2009, and section 68, chapter 730, Oregon Laws 2011, is amended to read:
- **Sec. 8a.** (1) The State Department of Energy may not issue a contractor's certification certificate or an alternative energy device system certificate under ORS [469.170] **469B.106** after January 1, [2018] **2020**.
 - (2) The State Department of Energy may not issue an alternative fuel vehicle or related equipment certificate under ORS [469.170] **469B.106** for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2012.
 - <u>SECTION 5.</u> This 2017 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2017 regular session of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.