

**SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**HB 2618**

**Relating to solar incentives**

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HB 2618 provides for rebates for solar programs in Oregon. The measure directs the State Department of Energy to administer a program to provide rebates for the purchase, construction or installation of a solar electric system. The rebates can be claimed by a contractor that installs an eligible system for a residential customer or a low-income service provider. The contractor must use the full cost of the rebate to reduce the net cost to the customer.

A one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2 million will be provided in the Emergency Fund bill, SB 5507, for the rebate program. Of that General Fund, \$1.5 million will be for rebates and \$500,000 for administration.

The Department of Energy anticipates the need to hire three limited duration positions and to utilize existing staff to assist with program establishment, implementation, and oversight.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 2618 be amended by the -A4 amendment and reported out do pass, as amended.