

**SB 769 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Smith Warner

**House Committee On Revenue**

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**Action Date:** 06/10/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 5-0-1-1

**Yeas:** 5 - Findley, Marsh, Nathanson, Reschke, Smith Warner

**Exc:** 1 - Smith G

**Abs:** 1 - Hernandez

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 5/20, 5/30, 6/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Aligns payment in lieu of property tax (PILT) notifications and collections with standard property tax system. Sets deadline for late filers of PILT. Directs that fees are distributed to taxing districts in same manner and apportionment as property taxes. Applies to property tax years beginning on or after July 1, 2020

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Computation of payments.
- The program is permissive.
- Description of the current program.
- Alignment of the payment and allocation procedure with the bill.
- Need for technical fix.

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Requires solar providers to annual certify nameplate capacity of solar facility for purposes of calculating payment in lieu of tax

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 1, Chapter 571, Oregon Laws 2015 established a permissive policy in which counties (and cities, if applicable) may enter into an agreement where the owners of a solar project are responsible for payment in lieu of taxes for the amount of \$7,000 per megaWatt of nameplate capacity. It also prescribed the manner in which the owner would be notified, how the monies would be collected and distributed and treatment for failure to pay.