

Senate Bill 38

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SUMMARY

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Modifies provisions for treatment of renewable energy certificates issued for generation of thermal energy.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to treatment of renewable energy certificates issued for the generation of thermal energy;
3 amending ORS 469A.132.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 469A.132 is amended to read:

6 469A.132. (1) If a facility that generates electricity using biomass also generates thermal energy
7 for a secondary purpose, the State Department of Energy[, *as part of the system established under*
8 *ORS 469A.130,*] shall provide that renewable energy certificates must be issued for the generation
9 of the thermal energy. **Notwithstanding the definition of “qualifying electricity” in ORS**
10 **469A.005 or any other provision of law stating or implying that a renewable portfolio standard**
11 **may be complied with only through the generation of electricity, renewable energy certifi-**
12 **icates for thermal energy:**

13 (a) **Shall be provided for pursuant to this subsection as part of the system established**
14 **under ORS 469A.130;**

15 (b) **Shall be subject to the same requirements for issuance, transfer and use as all other**
16 **renewable energy certificates created pursuant to the system established under ORS**
17 **469A.130; and**

18 (c) **May be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard if:**

19 (A) **The facility that generates the thermal energy for which the renewable energy cer-**
20 **tificate is issued meets the requirements of ORS 469A.020 and 469A.135 for the electricity**
21 **generated using biomass at the facility; and**

22 (B) **Consistent with the provisions of ORS 469A.025 (3), the thermal energy is not gener-**
23 **ated through the combustion of wood that has been treated with chemical preservatives such**
24 **as creosote, pentachlorophenol or chromated copper arsenate.**

25 (2) **For purposes of issuing renewable energy certificates under this section, 3,412,000 British**
26 **thermal units are equivalent to one megawatt-hour.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.