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SUMMARY

Requires State Department of Energy to study avoided costs paid to qualifying facilities under federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act with costs incurred by investor-owned utilities to acquire or maintain renewable energy generation facilities. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2024.

Requires state agencies, to extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice necessary for department to complete study.

Sunsets January 2, 2025

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to costs for acquiring renewable energy.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall conduct a**
5 **study to:**

6 **(a) Quantify and compare the costs:**

7 **(A) Approved by the Public Utility Commission and incurred or to**
8 **be incurred by investor-owned utilities in this state for acquiring or**
9 **maintaining renewable energy generation facilities; and**

10 **(B) Paid by investor-owned utilities to qualifying facilities under the**
11 **terms of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C.**
12 **2601 et. seq.);**

13 **(b) Further examine and develop the findings on the costs of**
14 **small-scale renewable energy projects developed by the work group**
15 **convened pursuant to section 18, chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2021; and**

1 **(c) Analyze the accuracy of avoided cost schedules over time com-**
2 **paring the avoided costs under contract terms with the costs actually**
3 **paid under the contracts.**

4 **(2) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are**
5 **directed, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality,**
6 **to furnish such information and advice to the department as the de-**
7 **partment considers necessary to complete the study under this sec-**
8 **tion.**

9 **(3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided**
10 **by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to**
11 **the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy**
12 **no later than September 15, 2024.**

13 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**

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