HB 2021
Relating to clean energy

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

HB 2021 establishes a clean energy standard for Oregon and implements a broad range of programs, studies, and statutory changes related to clean energy.

The measure requires certain retail electricity providers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity sold to Oregon consumers to certain levels within a specified timeframe. As part of this requirement, each company needs to develop a plan to meet their targets and submit to the Public Utility Commission.

Additionally, the measure appropriates $50 million General Fund to the Community Renewable Investment Fund for the Department of Energy to provide grants for eligible community renewable energy projects.

The recommended amendment provides Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Department of Energy to implement the grant program and various studies in the bill and for the Public Utility Commission to carry out the measures oversight responsibilities.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 2021 be amended by the –B59 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.