House Bill 2189

Sponsored by Representative WILDE (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Directs Public Utility Commission to conduct study related to renewable energy and to provide results of study in report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2021.

Sunsets January 2, 2022.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to energy; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Public Utility Commission, in coordination with the State Department of Energy and the Department of Transportation, shall study the policy barriers, practical barriers and potential rate impacts associated with taking each of the following measures in Oregon:

(a) Increasing renewable energy storage;
(b) Converting excess energy to clean fuels that include but are not limited to hydrogen;
(c) Using the clean fuels addressed under paragraph (b) of this subsection as a means to offset or reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector, including with respect to onsite fleet fueling.

(2) In conducting the study, the commission shall consult with public utilities providing electricity or natural gas in Oregon, and with other major potential users of clean fuels.

(3) The commission shall submit the results of the study in a report, which may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2021.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.