House Bill 2190

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 State Department of Energy to convene work group to develop program awarding grants for community energy resilience projects and implement program no later than January 1, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to energy.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall convene a work group to develop a program to award grants for community energy resilience projects. The grants may pay the capital cost of solar, battery storage, level two or higher electric vehicle chargers that are paired with solar, and microgrid controllers for public entities, community emergency response centers and other entities that provide critical services in emergencies.

(2) The work group must include:

(a) Representatives from federal, state and local government agencies related to energy;
(b) A representative from the Environmental Justice Task Force established in ORS 182.538;
(c) Representatives of utilities; and
(d) Representatives of nonprofit organizations related to energy.

(3) The work group shall:

(a) Develop eligibility criteria by defining a framework for community-centered processes to identify specific structures or facilities involved with delivering essential services that could provide maximum community benefit if supported by a community energy resilience project.
(b) Endeavor to incorporate appropriate existing designations of critical infrastructure or essential buildings into the eligibility criteria.
(c) Develop separate eligibility criteria for grants of less than $500,000 and grants of $500,000 or more.
(d) Identify geographic locations that should be prioritized for grants because they are at higher risk for seismic or wildfire events or are economically disadvantaged.
(e) Consider the types of distributed renewable technologies that should be eligible for grants.
(f) Identify separate energy and resilience metrics for evaluation of community energy resilience projects.
(g) Ensure that the grant program aligns with relevant state and federal policy documents and plans.

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.

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SECTION 2. The State Department of Energy shall implement the grant program developed by the work group convened under section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than January 1, 2023.