

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

1
2 Relating to energy.

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

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

9 **(2) The work group must include:**

10 **(a) Representatives from federal, state and local government agencies related to energy;**

11 **(b) A representative from the Environmental Justice Task Force established in ORS**
12 **182.538;**

13 **(c) Representatives of utilities; and**

14 **(d) Representatives of nonprofit organizations related to energy.**

15 **(3) The work group shall:**

16 **(a) Develop eligibility criteria by defining a framework for community-centered processes**
17 **to identify specific structures or facilities involved with delivering essential services that**
18 **could provide maximum community benefit if supported by a community energy resilience**
19 **project.**

20 **(b) Endeavor to incorporate appropriate existing designations of critical infrastructure**
21 **or essential buildings into the eligibility criteria.**

22 **(c) Develop separate eligibility criteria for grants of less than \$500,000 and grants of**
23 **\$500,000 or more.**

24 **(d) Identify geographic locations that should be prioritized for grants because they are**
25 **at higher risk for seismic or wildfire events or are economically disadvantaged.**

26 **(e) Consider the types of distributed renewable technologies that should be eligible for**
27 **grants.**

28 **(f) Identify separate energy and resilience metrics for evaluation of community energy**
29 **resilience projects.**

30 **(g) Ensure that the grant program aligns with relevant state and federal policy docu-**
31 **ments 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.

1 **SECTION 2.** The State Department of Energy shall implement the grant program devel-
2 oped by the work group convened under section 1 of this 2021 Act no later than January 1,
3 2023.
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