House Bill 2520

Sponsored by Representatives HELM, MARSH (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.

Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend statewide land use planning goals related to energy conservation to incorporate development of renewable energy facilities and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to match state energy policies.

Requires commission to provide report on progress to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.

Appropriates moneys to Department of Land Conservation and Development for purpose of administering and implementing Act.

Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2021.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the adoption of energy policies into statewide land use planning goals; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The Land Conservation and Development Commission shall update the scope, content and name of the statewide land use planning goal related to energy conservation to include policies and direction regarding the development of renewable energy projects consistent with subsections (2) and (3) of this section and, as appropriate, shall consider changes to any other related statewide land use planning goals.

(2) The update to statewide land use planning goals under this section shall:

(a) Be completed on or before December 30, 2023.

(b) Identify adequate and appropriate amounts and types of urban and rural lands to support renewable energy to be developed in the State of Oregon, inside and outside of urban growth boundaries, consistent with the objectives of Oregon's renewable portfolio standards and Oregon's statutory greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

(3) In updating the goals, the commission shall, at a minimum, consider the following:

(a) The Oregon Climate Agenda released by the Governor and dated November 28, 2018;

(b) The energy and land use needs of Oregon's communities;

(c) Areas where siting renewable energy projects could be appropriately prioritized over or coexist with other land uses;

(d) The role of efficiency and conservation in meeting energy demand;

(e) The role of community solar projects;

(f) The adequacy and appropriateness of lands within urban growth boundaries;

(g) Protection of agricultural and forest areas;

(h) Preservation of fish and wildlife habitat;

(i) Protection of open spaces and recreational areas;

(j) Location and proximity of infrastructure necessary for renewable energy generation and distribution; and

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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(k) Other important economic, environmental, social and natural items.

SECTION 2. (1) An advisory committee shall assist the Land Conservation and Development Commission in the update of statewide land use planning goals under section 1 of this 2021 Act.

(2) The advisory committee shall consist of members as follows:

(a) The Director of the Department of Land Conservation and Development shall appoint:
   (A) A member to represent city governments;
   (B) A member to represent county governments;
   (C) A member to represent renewable energy development businesses;
   (D) A member to represent farming or ranching businesses;
   (E) A member to represent forestry businesses;
   (F) A member to represent environmental interests;
   (G) A member to represent electric utility companies;
   (H) A member to represent energy conservation communities;
   (I) A member to represent federally recognized tribes; and
   (J) Such other members as the director deems appropriate;

(b) The Governor shall appoint a member to represent the office of the Governor;

(c) The Director of Agriculture shall appoint a member to represent the State Department of Agriculture;

(d) The State Forester shall appoint a member to represent the State Forestry Department;

(e) The Director of the State Department of Energy shall appoint a member to represent the State Department of Energy;

(f) The Public Utility Commission of Oregon shall appoint a member to represent the commission;

(g) The State Fish and Wildlife Director shall appoint a member to represent the State Department of Fish and Wildlife; and

(h) The Environmental Justice Task Force shall appoint a member to represent environmental justice issues.

SECTION 3. All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the Land Conservation and Development Commission and the advisory committee described in section 2 of this 2021 Act in performing actions under sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 4. No later than September 15, 2022, the Land Conservation and Development Commission shall provide a report to the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly, in the manner provided under ORS 192.245, on the progress of the commission under sections 1 and 2 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 5. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of $_______, for the purpose of administering and implementing sections 1 to 4 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 6. 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 July 1, 2021.