

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2691

Ordered by the House April 10
Including House Amendments dated April 10

Sponsored by Representative WITT (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.

[Directs State Department of Energy to conduct study to identify techniques to increase visibility to birds of rotor blades on wind energy facilities and evaluate suitability of techniques for use in Oregon. Directs department to provide results to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022.]

Directs Oregon State University, in consultation with State Department of Energy, to conduct study related to practical techniques for painting wind energy facilities that are scientifically shown to increase visibility of facilities to birds and prevent avian deaths.

Sunset January 2, [2023] **2026.**

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the prevention of avian deaths at wind energy facilities; and prescribing an effective
3 date.

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

5 **SECTION 1. (1) Oregon State University, in consultation with the State Department of**
6 **Energy, shall conduct a study to:**

7 **(a) Identify practical techniques for painting wind energy facilities that are scientifically**
8 **shown to increase the visibility of the facilities to birds and prevent avian deaths;**

9 **(b) Evaluate the suitability of the techniques identified pursuant to paragraph (a) of this**
10 **subsection for use at wind energy facilities in this state; and**

11 **(c) Evaluate the feasibility of implementing the techniques in a manner that complies**
12 **with any applicable requirements of the Federal Aviation Administration.**

13 **(2) The study required by this section must also discuss the potential effects that the**
14 **practical techniques identified may have on wildlife in this state other than birds.**

15 **(3) The university shall provide the results of the study in a report to the interim com-**
16 **mittees of the Legislative Assembly related to agriculture and natural resources in the**
17 **manner provided by ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2025.**

18 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.**

19 **SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
20 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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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.