

Senate Bill 589

Sponsored by Senator TAYLOR, Representative POWER, Senator BEYER, Representative HELM (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 State Department of Energy to establish public process for purpose of investigating potential costs and benefits that would arise from electric utilities participation in regional transmission organization. Requires department to report findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy and business no later than September 15, 2022.

Sunset January 2, 2023.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a regional transmission organization.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy, in coordination with the Public Utility**
5 **Commission, shall establish a public process to investigate the potential costs and benefits**
6 **to electric utilities, power generation companies and retail electricity consumers that would**
7 **arise from electric utilities participating in a regional transmission organization. The public**
8 **process required by this section must include at least one public hearing and opportunities**
9 **for public comment.**

10 **(2) The public process established under this section shall include investigations of the**
11 **potential effects of electric utilities participating in a regional transmission organization on:**

12 **(a) Electricity service suppliers;**

13 **(b) Wholesale electric energy rates;**

14 **(c) Electricity transmission rates;**

15 **(d) Retail electric energy rates for participating retail electricity service providers in the**
16 **regional transmission organization and for nonparticipating retail electricity service provid-**
17 **ers in the regional transmission organization;**

18 **(e) The commitment and dispatch of generation and real-time dispatch optimization of**
19 **energy and ancillary services;**

20 **(f) Resource adequacy requirements;**

21 **(g) Regional infrastructure investments in response to potential growth in demand for**
22 **electric energy or potential changes in energy production;**

23 **(h) Capacity procurement;**

24 **(i) Renewable energy resource interconnection and integration; and**

25 **(j) Electricity system decarbonization.**

26 **(3) In carrying out this section, the department shall coordinate with regulatory and**
27 **planning agencies in nearby states to:**

28 **(a) Understand how those agencies are considering regional transmission organization**
29 **development;**

30 **(b) Understand how regional transmission organization development will include contin-**

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 **ued coordination and regional planning; and**

2 **(c) Pursue consistency among Oregon and the nearby states in regulatory and policy**
3 **solutions related to the formation of a regional transmission organization.**

4 **(4) If the department determines that electric utility participation in a regional trans-**
5 **mission organization is in the public interest, the department shall administratively require**
6 **utilities to report to the department on the costs, process and timing of joining a regional**
7 **transmission organization.**

8 **(5) The department shall submit a report on the findings of the public process established**
9 **under subsection (1) of this section in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the interim**
10 **committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy and business no later than Sep-**
11 **tember 15, 2022. The department may include, as part of the department's report, recom-**
12 **mendations for legislation.**

13 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

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