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SUMMARY

Digest: This Act directs ODOE to make a program to give rebates for the purchase of leaf blowers that run on batteries. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).

Directs the State Department of Energy to establish a rebate program for the purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers.

Establishes the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to landscape equipment rebates; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Battery-powered leaf blower” means a leaf blower that is pow-**
6 **ered by an electric battery.**

7 (b) **“Commercial contractor” has the meaning given that term in**
8 **ORS 701.005.**

9 (c) **“Landscape construction professional” means a landscape con-**
10 **struction professional, as defined in ORS 671.520, who is licensed under**
11 **ORS 671.510 to 671.760.**

12 (d) **“Landscape contracting business” means a landscape contract-**
13 **ing business, as defined in ORS 671.520, that is licensed under ORS**
14 **671.510 to 671.760.**

15 (2) **The State Department of Energy shall establish by rule a pro-**
16 **gram for providing rebates to commercial contractors, landscape con-**
17 **struction professionals and landscape contracting businesses for the**
18 **purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers.**

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 **(3) Rebates shall be in an amount that is equal to 50 percent of the**
2 **price paid by the person requesting the rebate for:**

3 **(a) A battery-powered leaf blower; and**

4 **(b) Any new batteries or new battery chargers necessary for the**
5 **person to use the battery-powered leaf blower for ordinary business**
6 **reasons.**

7 **(4) Rebates shall be made only for battery-powered leaf blowers that**
8 **are intended to be used for business reasons.**

9 **(5) Rebates shall be made from moneys credited to or deposited in**
10 **the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund established under**
11 **section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

12 **SECTION 2.** **(1) The Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund**
13 **is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the**
14 **General Fund. Interest earned by the Commercial Landscape Equip-**
15 **ment Rebate Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

16 **(2) Moneys in the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund**
17 **shall consist of:**

18 **(a) Amounts donated to the fund;**

19 **(b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by**
20 **the Legislative Assembly;**

21 **(c) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any public or private**
22 **source; and**

23 **(d) Interest earned by the fund.**

24 **(3) Moneys in the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund**
25 **are continuously appropriated to the State Department of Energy to**
26 **carry out the provisions of section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

27 **SECTION 3.** **In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-**
28 **ation, there is appropriated to the State Department of Energy, for the**
29 **biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount**
30 **of \$_____ for deposit in the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate**
31 **Fund established under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

1 **SECTION 4.** (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on
2 **January 1, 2026.**

3 **(2) The State Department of Energy may take any action before the**
4 **operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is neces-**
5 **sary to enable the department to exercise, on and after the operative**
6 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties, func-**
7 **tions and powers conferred on the department by section 1 of this 2025**
8 **Act.**

9 **SECTION 5.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date
10 **on which the 2025 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative As-**
11 **sembly adjourns sine die.**

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