

HB 3181 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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Meeting Dates: 3/30, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Department of Energy (ODE) and Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to convene a work group to examine renewable energy and transmission project siting in this state including the current state and local regulatory framework for renewable energy and transmission development, and associated barriers, issues, opportunities and recommendations for changes; the amount of energy generation and associated land and marine areas needed to meet Oregon’s energy goals; and incentives for renewable energy and transmission development. Specifies work group membership and operation procedures. Requires ODE and DLCD to submit a report to an energy related interim committee by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025. Appropriates General Fund moneys to ODE and DLCD. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, Senate Bill 1547 required that by 2040 50 percent of Oregon’s electricity needs must be met via renewable energy sources. Available renewable energy sources in Oregon include solar, wind, hydropower, bioenergy, geothermal, marine, renewable fuels and hydrogen sources, the largest of which is hydropower which accounts for ~40 percent of Oregon’s energy mix.

House Bill 1547 would direct the Oregon Department of Energy and the Department of Land Conservation and Development to examine renewable energy and transmission project siting in the state.