

HB 3409 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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Meeting Dates: 6/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates programs to improve energy efficiency in buildings, provide grants for green infrastructure and resilience hubs, research low carbon fuels from woody biomass residues, and provide rebates for medium and heavy duty zero emission vehicles. Directs rulemaking on siting photovoltaic solar power generation facilities, and modifies state greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals. Directs evaluation of opportunities to reduce consumption-based greenhouse gas emissions. Establishes Natural and Working Lands Fund for purposes of funding programs on natural climate solutions. Extends sunset for solar and storage system rebate program. Creates guidelines for work on harmful algal blooms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Fiscal impact of the measure.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The -A3 amendment replaces the introduced version of HB 3409 with the provisions discussed above. The amendment includes approximately \$45 million General Fund, \$15 million Other Funds expenditure limitation, \$0.1 million Federal Funds expenditure limitation, and 12 positions (9.38 FTE) to carry out the climate initiatives described within.

BACKGROUND:

HB 3409, as amended, establishes statewide policy and financial support for energy efficiency and climate-related initiatives based on recommendations from a bicameral legislative workgroup. The measure includes provisions from 14 bills which were introduced to address climate issues through an equitable, community-focused approach, while maximizing Oregon’s federal funding opportunities.