

House Bill 2530

Introduced and printed pursuant to House Rule 12.00. Pre-session filed (at the request of House Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources for Representative Pam Marsh)

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**.

Directs State Department of Energy to convene work group to examine, evaluate and develop statewide strategies to accelerate development of state renewable hydrogen industry. Directs department to submit report on work group's findings and recommendations to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy and economic development no later than September 15, 2024. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to development of a state renewable hydrogen economy; and prescribing an effective date.

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

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

4 (a) **"Environmental justice communities"** has the meaning given that term in ORS
5 **469A.400.**

6 (b) **"Local government"** has the meaning given that term in ORS 174.116.

7 (c) **"Renewable hydrogen"** means hydrogen produced by electrolysis using only energy
8 **sources that do not emit greenhouse gases.**

9 (2) **The State Department of Energy shall convene a work group to examine, evaluate and**
10 **develop statewide strategies to accelerate the development of a state renewable hydrogen**
11 **industry and related infrastructure, technologies and end uses.**

12 (3) **The work group membership must include, at a minimum, members who represent**
13 **the following:**

14 (a) **Business and industry;**

15 (b) **Energy developers;**

16 (c) **Environmental justice communities;**

17 (d) **Local governments;**

18 (e) **Oregon Indian tribes;**

19 (f) **Transportation and distribution providers;**

20 (g) **Universities and community colleges; and**

21 (h) **Workforce and labor.**

22 (4) **In developing strategies, the work group shall examine and evaluate, at a minimum,**
23 **for renewable hydrogen the following:**

24 (a) **Appropriate end use cases;**

25 (b) **Barriers and pathways to industry and market development;**

26 (c) **Development, regulatory and siting standards for production, transmission and dis-**
27 **tribution;**

28 (d) **Infrastructure needed to accelerate and sustain development;**
29

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 (e) Methods and mechanisms for facilitating coordination that will accelerate develop-
2 ment;

3 (f) Potential partnerships between business, industry, transportation, workforce and la-
4 bor, universities and community colleges, public agencies and environmental justice com-
5 munities;

6 (g) Economic, environmental and social impacts from development;

7 (h) Environmental and health improvements, particularly for environmental justice
8 communities; and

9 (i) Workforce development and support.

10 (5) The State Department of Energy shall submit a report on the work group's findings
11 and recommendations in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommen-
12 dations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to en-
13 ergy and economic development no later than September 15, 2024.

14 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.

15 SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
16 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

17