

# House Bill 2534

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## 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 work with stakeholders to identify areas of inquiry regarding energy and energy use in this state, develop research options and convene advisory group to develop recommendations and benchmarks around energy and energy use in this state.

Directs department to produce report with final set of recommendations and submit report to Governor and appropriate interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024.

Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the use of energy in this state; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall:**

5 (a) **Work and consult with stakeholders to identify areas of inquiry regarding energy and**  
6 **energy use in this state that, if researched and analyzed, could provide important and useful**  
7 **information, data or datasets as a resource for the Legislative Assembly or Governor. The**  
8 **stakeholders must represent a diverse range of interests, expertise and education,**  
9 **socioeconomic communities and geographic areas of the state;**

10 (b) **Develop research options using the areas of inquiry identified under paragraph (a) of**  
11 **this subsection and in consultation with federal and state agencies that oversee or have ex-**  
12 **pertise in the areas of inquiry identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection; and**

13 (c) **Convene an advisory group to develop a set of recommendations and benchmarks**  
14 **around energy and energy use in this state using the research options developed under par-**  
15 **agraph (b) of this subsection.**

16 (2)(a) **The department shall produce a report that consolidates a final set of recommen-**  
17 **dations around energy and energy use in this state. The report must include:**

18 (A) **A final set of recommendations and background information regarding the work and**  
19 **decision-making that led to the final set of recommendations;**

20 (B) **The areas of inquiry identified under subsection (1)(a) of this section and background**  
21 **information regarding the work that led to the areas of inquiry;**

22 (C) **The research options developed under subsection (1)(b) of this section and background**  
23 **information regarding the work that led to the research options; and**

24 (D) **The set of recommendations and benchmarks developed by the advisory group under**  
25 **subsection (1)(c) of this section and background information regarding the work that led to**  
26 **the set of recommendations.**

27 (b) **The department shall submit the report produced under paragraph (a) of this sub-**  
28 **section to the Governor and the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly**

**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 in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than September 15, 2024.

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

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

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