

# House Bill 3179

Sponsored by Representative HELM

## SUMMARY

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Requires State Department of Energy to study permitting requirements for renewable energy facilities and to develop recommendations to improve permitting process. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy not later than September 15, 2024.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the permitting of renewable energy facilities.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall study permitting requirements for**  
5 **renewable energy facilities and develop recommendations that:**

6 **(a) Facilitate more efficient permitting processes for renewable energy facilities at the**  
7 **state and county levels;**

8 **(b) Revise mitigation requirements related to fish and wildlife;**

9 **(c) Develop expedited renewable energy facility permitting processes;**

10 **(d) Eliminate review processes that are redundant to federal or other state review pro-**  
11 **cesses;**

12 **(e) Expand county jurisdiction to improve permitting efficiency; and**

13 **(f) Mitigate any risks that the clean energy targets set forth in ORS 469A.410 are not**  
14 **timely met.**

15 **(2) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
16 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
17 **Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2024.**

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 Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2025.**  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