Senate Bill 678
Sponsored by Senator KNOPP, Representative SMITH DB (Presession filed.)

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.

Establishes state policy that benefits from offshore wind energy development go to local and regional communities, ecosystems and environments and economies and that interconnection of offshore energy projects be carried out in manner that promotes electric grid reliability and resilience.

Requires Governor, through Regional Solutions Program, to draft report for consideration by federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management that identifies state priorities of nonmonetary factors and nonmonetary factor bidding credits to be used in bureau's multiple-factor auction format for awarding offshore wind leases. Requires Governor to release and deliver report to bureau no later than September 15, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT
Relating to offshore wind; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas it is the goal of the State of Oregon to plan for offshore wind energy in a manner that maximizes its benefits while minimizing and mitigating any adverse effects on this state’s fisheries, communities, economies, ecosystems and environments; and

Whereas it is in the interest of this state to identify, attract and leverage investments in this state’s regional infrastructure, workforce and supply chain in order to support an affordable, reliable and resilient electric grid; and

Whereas Oregon’s southern coast is uniquely exposed to significant and extended disruptions to its electric system without investments to the region’s infrastructure, workforce and supply chain; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State of Oregon:
(1) That the counties and tribal territories, off whose coasts offshore wind energy is developed, benefit from the offshore wind energy development and offshore wind lease payments.
(2) That benefits from offshore wind energy development go to local and regional communities, including coastal, fishing and tribal communities, ecosystems and environments and economies.
(3) That benefits from offshore wind energy development are reinvested into the local and regional economies to increase economic diversification and resilience through workforce training and development and local and regional supply chain investments.
(4) That the interconnection of offshore energy projects to the Oregon coast electric grid be carried out in a manner than promotes the reliability and resilience of this state’s electric system and reduces any dependency on importing out-of-state energy.

SECTION 2. (1) The Governor, through the Regional Solutions Program, shall draft a report, for consideration by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, that identifies

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state priorities of nonmonetary factors and nonmonetary factor bidding credits that could be incorporated into the bureau’s multiple-factor auction format for awarding offshore wind leases.

(2) In identifying the state priorities of nonmonetary factors and nonmonetary factor bidding credits, the Governor shall consider and incorporate the following state policy goals to:

(a) Support ongoing engagement between offshore wind energy developers and:
   (A) Affected communities, including coastal, fishing and tribal communities, including the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and the Coquille Indian Tribe; and
   (B) Community and regional organizations and agencies, including:
      (i) Southern Oregon Ocean Resources Coalition;
      (ii) Pacific Fishery Management Council;
      (iii) Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board; and
      (iv) Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

(b) Minimize and mitigate any adverse effects while maximizing benefits from offshore wind energy development for local and regional:
   (A) Communities, including coastal, fishing and tribal communities;
   (B) Ecosystems and environments; and
   (C) Economies, including Oregon’s fishing industry.

(c) Promote economic diversification and resilience through:
   (A) Workforce training and development;
   (B) Use of prevailing wages and project labor agreements;
   (C) Use of community benefit agreements; and
   (D) Local and regional supply chain investments.

(3) The Governor shall release the report developed under this section and deliver the report to the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management no later than September 15, 2023.

SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.