

# Senate Bill 678

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

## SUMMARY

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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

1 Relating to offshore wind; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

13 **SECTION 1. It is the policy of the State of Oregon:**

14 **(1) That the counties and tribal territories, off whose coasts offshore wind energy is de-**  
15 **veloped, benefit from the offshore wind energy development and offshore wind lease pay-**  
16 **ments.**

17 **(2) That benefits from offshore wind energy development go to local and regional com-**  
18 **munities, including coastal, fishing and tribal communities, ecosystems and environments**  
19 **and economies.**

20 **(3) That benefits from offshore wind energy development are reinvested into the local and**  
21 **regional economies to increase economic diversification and resilience through workforce**  
22 **training and development and local and regional supply chain investments.**

23 **(4) That the interconnection of offshore energy projects to the Oregon coast electric grid**  
24 **be carried out in a manner than promotes the reliability and resilience of this state's electric**  
25 **system and reduces any dependency on importing out-of-state energy.**

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

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

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

7 (a) Support ongoing engagement between offshore wind energy developers and:

8 (A) Affected communities, including coastal, fishing and tribal communities, including  
9 the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians and the Coquille Indian  
10 Tribe; and

11 (B) Community and regional organizations and agencies, including:

12 (i) Southern Oregon Ocean Resources Coalition;

13 (ii) Pacific Fishery Management Council;

14 (iii) Southwestern Oregon Workforce Investment Board; and

15 (iv) Oregon International Port of Coos Bay.

16 (b) Minimize and mitigate any adverse effects while maximizing benefits from offshore  
17 wind energy development for local and regional:

18 (A) Communities, including coastal, fishing and tribal communities;

19 (B) Ecosystems and environments; and

20 (C) Economies, including Oregon’s fishing industry.

21 (c) Promote economic diversification and resilience through:

22 (A) Workforce training and development;

23 (B) Use of prevailing wages and project labor agreements;

24 (C) Use of community benefit agreements; and

25 (D) Local and regional supply chain investments.

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

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

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

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