

Requested by Representative HELM

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2534**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall develop a**
4 **comprehensive state energy strategy that identifies optimized path-**
5 **ways to achieving the state’s energy policy objectives.**

6 **“(2) The state energy strategy must be informed, at a minimum,**
7 **by the following:**

8 **“(a) Stakeholder perspectives;**

9 **“(b) State laws, policies and targets regarding energy and**
10 **greenhouse gas emissions;**

11 **“(c) Existing energy and integrated resource plans;**

12 **“(d) Energy-related studies and data analysis; and**

13 **“(e) State energy policy objectives.**

14 **“(3) In identifying optimized pathways to achieving the state’s en-**
15 **ergy policy objectives, the state energy strategy must take into ac-**
16 **count, at a minimum, the following factors:**

17 **“(a) State energy demand and trends;**

18 **“(b) Energy resources and technology choices in consideration of**
19 **costs, energy efficiency, feasibility and availability;**

20 **“(c) Economic and employment impacts;**

21 **“(d) Energy burden and affordability;**

1 “(e) Energy resilience, as defined in section 29, chapter 508, Oregon
2 Laws 2021, and energy reliability;

3 “(f) Environmental justice, as defined in ORS 469A.400;

4 “(g) Land use considerations;

5 “(h) Natural resource impacts;

6 “(i) Emerging technologies and investment opportunities;

7 “(j) Energy generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure
8 needed to achieve state energy policy objectives;

9 “(k) Existing and potential incentives to support energy efficiency,
10 development and deployment;

11 “(L) Energy security and impacts of broader markets;

12 “(m) Community benefits; and

13 “(n) Community energy resilience, as defined in section 29, chapter
14 508, Oregon Laws 2021.

15 “(4)(a) In developing the state energy strategy, the department shall
16 engage with relevant state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes
17 and stakeholders. At a minimum, the stakeholders must represent a
18 diverse range of:

19 “(A) Interests, perspectives, expertise and education;

20 “(B) Socioeconomic backgrounds;

21 “(C) Communities; and

22 “(D) Geographic areas of this state.

23 “(b) The department may convene an advisory work group to in-
24 form the department on the department’s engagement with
25 stakeholders and development of the state energy strategy.

26 “(5)(a) The department shall ensure that the state energy strategy
27 developed under this section reflects the best available information,
28 data analyses and time horizons necessary to achieving the state’s
29 energy policy objectives.

30 “(b) The department shall periodically update the state energy

1 strategy to reflect current information, data analysis and state energy
2 policy objectives.

3 “(c) The department shall inform the Governor and Legislative As-
4 sembly when the department updates the state energy strategy.

5 “(6) The department may contract with third parties for assistance
6 in performing the department’s duties under this section, including
7 assistance with technical or facilitation services.

8 “(7) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are
9 directed, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality,
10 to furnish such information and advice to the department as the de-
11 partment considers necessary to perform the department’s duties un-
12 der this section.

13 **“SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Energy shall produce a**
14 **report regarding the state energy strategy developed under section 1**
15 **of this 2023 Act. The report, at minimum, must:**

16 “(a) Summarize the state energy strategy and optimized pathways
17 to achieving the state’s energy policy objectives;

18 “(b) Describe the department’s engagement process with
19 stakeholders and how stakeholder perspectives informed the state en-
20 ergy strategy; and

21 “(c) Recommend legislation or changes to policy necessary to im-
22 plement the state energy strategy.

23 “(2) The department shall submit the report produced under sub-
24 section (1) of this section to the Governor and the appropriate interim
25 committees of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under
26 ORS 192.245 no later than November 1, 2025.

27 **“SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2,**
28 **2026.**

29 **“SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the**
30 **date on which the 2023 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative**

1 **Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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