

HB 4090 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the Energy Facility Siting Council from exercising jurisdiction over, or requiring a site certificate for, certain renewable energy facilities and certain high voltage transmission lines, if either are sited entirely on federal land and are subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

Detailed Summary

Prohibits the Energy Facility Siting Council from exercising jurisdiction over, or requiring a site certificate for, an energy facility that is **sited entirely on federal land**, and is **subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act**, if the energy facility is any of the following:

- An electric power generating plant that uses resources other than fossil fuels and has a nominal electric generating capacity of 25 megawatts or more.
- A subset of high voltage transmission lines with a minimum capacity of 230,000 volts, and a length of more than 10 miles.
- A solar photovoltaic power generation facility that is using more than 240 acres of high-value farmland, 2,560 acres of land that is predominantly cultivated or composed of certain soils, or 3,840 acres of any other land.
- An electric power generating plant with an average electric generating capacity of at least 50 megawatts if the power is produced from geothermal or wind energy at a single energy facility or within a single energy generation area.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment **excludes nuclear power plants** from electric power generating plants affected by the measure.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) oversees the development of large electric generating facilities, high voltage transmission lines, and other projects by reviewing development proposals for environmental impacts, noise concerns, cultural and archeological artifacts, and compliance with all applicable statutes, rules, and local ordinances prior to granting site certificates. For facilities that are subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act, EFSC coordinates its site certificate review with federal agency in order to eliminate duplicative efforts. Oregon statutes currently exclude some facilities from the site certification, the most common of which are specific high efficiency cogeneration facilities and certain biofuel production facilities.