# Oregon Department of ENERGY

2025-27 Reduction Options

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## OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

Our Mission The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

Protect public safety and statutory/federal obligations

Avoid loss of federal funds

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## Protect public safety and statutory/federal obligations

 Protected Hanford cleanup, nuclear safety, energy security, and large-scale energy facility permitting

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#### Avoid loss of federal funds

• ODOE has several active federal programs, some of which require federal match. For example, we protected the matching funds that make it possible for us to administer the Grid Resilience Program.

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## Preserve core mission and program integrity

 Preserved programs that directly support ability to administer programs. Focused reductions on travel, services and supplies, and unspent limitation to scale back, rather than eliminate, critical, mission-aligned work.

Minimize disruption to workforce and operations



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Eliminated vacant position and retained filled positions



#### **EVALUATION PROCESS**

#### **Looking back and looking forward**

- Comprehensive review across all funding categories
- Qualitative assessment of program impact
- Thoughtful approach balancing fiscal responsibility with program continuity
- Focus on feasibility, impact on workload, compliance, and community impact







While ODOE has a relatively small General Fund budget, these funds support important work.

Overall, the 5% general fund reduction package totals \$792,861.

- Operational Efficiencies and Cost Controls (travel, supplies, subscriptions, publications)
  - Possible savings: \$87,740
- Administrative and Technology Streamlining (contracts, telecommunications, equipment)
  - Possible savings: \$339,121
- End position tied to wind-down activities
  - Possible savings: \$26,000
- Other: Contracted Support
  - Possible savings: \$340,000



#### MITIGATION AND CONTINUITY

#### How we will still meet our mission

- Leverage federal funds and costreimbursable funds
- Improve internal efficiency and digital workflows
- Coordinate with partners to find ways to increase virtual and hybrid engagement to offset travel reductions
- Maintain staff expertise and continuity









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