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SUMMARY

Digest: This Act tells ODOE to study and make a report on emergency fuel storage sites. (Flesch Readability Score: 67.5).

Directs the State Department of Energy to evaluate and prioritize geographically dispersed emergency fuel storage sites. Requires the department to submit preliminary and final findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy and emergency management.

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to fuel storage sites.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** (1) The State Department of Energy shall evaluate sites
5 with the potential to serve as geographically dispersed fuel storage
6 locations and prioritize those sites based on factors that would make
7 the sites attractive for storing emergency fuel reserves. Potential sites
8 must include but need not be limited to sites that:

9 (a) Are situated in locations that will support population islands
10 formed as a result of road or bridge damage due to a seismic event;

11 (b) Are owned or operated by, or otherwise under the control of, the
12 State of Oregon;

13 (c) Have been previously identified by a state agency with expertise
14 related to energy, fire or emergency management as proximate to
15 areas with the highest risks and highest needs in the event of a
16 wildfire, tsunami or Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake;

17 (d) Are accessible by and in proximity to priority transportation
18 routes or, in eastern or coastal Oregon, accessible by and in proximity

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 to ancillary transportation routes that are essential to communities;
2 and

3 (e) Are consistent with other criteria for fuel storage sites described
4 in the 2024 Oregon Energy Security Plan.

5 (2) No later than June 15, 2027, the department shall submit the
6 department's preliminary findings under subsection (1) of this section
7 to the committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy and
8 emergency management in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.

9 (3) The department shall finalize the department's findings under
10 subsection (1) of this section and include the findings in the report
11 required under ORS 469.064 (4) due no later than September 15, 2028.
12 In addition to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
13 lated to energy, the department shall provide the report and findings
14 to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
15 emergency management.

16 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2026 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

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