

A-Engrossed Senate Bill 1160

Ordered by the Senate April 8
Including Senate Amendments dated April 8

Sponsored by Senator NASH, Representatives HELM, OWENS; Senator SMITH DB

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells ODOE to study making some renewable energy projects in this state. Tells ODOE to give a report on the study. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.2).

[Digest: Tells ODOE to study the costs and benefits of renewable energy projects in this state. Directs ODOE to give a report on its findings. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.7).]

Requires the State Department of Energy to *[carry out a cost-benefit analysis on deploying]* **study developing certain** renewable energy projects in this state. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy not later than September 30, 2026.

Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the deployment of renewable energy projects; and prescribing an effective date.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall study:**

5 **(a) The financial costs for developing in this state the following types of projects:**

6 **(A) Qualifying facilities under ORS 758.505 to 758.555;**

7 **(B) Qualifying facilities under the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978,**
8 **16 U.S.C. 2601 to 2645; and**

9 **(C) Small-scale renewable energy projects with a generating capacity of 20 megawatts or**
10 **less that generate electricity utilizing a type of energy described in ORS 469A.025; and**

11 **(b) The potential costs and savings from any secondary benefits, such as resiliency or**
12 **reliability, from developing in this state the types of projects listed under paragraph (a) of**
13 **this subsection.**

14 **(2)(a) The department shall collect from project owners and developers and public utili-**
15 **ties all data necessary to complete the study.**

16 **(b) The Public Utility Commission shall assist the department in collecting from public**
17 **utilities all data necessary to complete the study.**

18 **(3) In collecting data for the study and drafting the report required under subsection (4)**
19 **of this section, the department shall balance the public interest in information and the pro-**
20 **prietary interests of owners and operators of qualifying facilities and small-scale renewable**
21 **energy projects and utility service providers.**

22 **(4) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**
23 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**

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 **Assembly related to energy no later than September 30, 2026.**

2 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**

3 **SECTION 3. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
4 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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