

Oregon Department of **ENERGY**

HB 2565A Public Hearing
Senate VEMFWA Committee

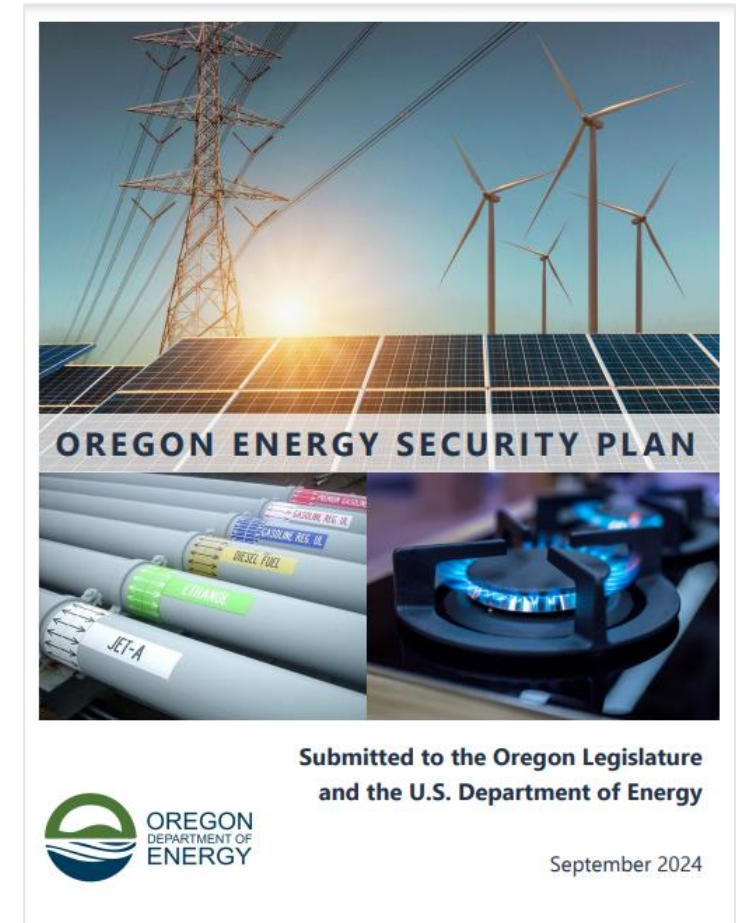
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OREGON ENERGY SECURITY PLAN

- ODOE developed and delivered a [statewide Energy Security Plan](#), submitted September 30, 2024.
- The Plan includes a baseline of Oregon's energy systems, risks and threats to those systems, and concepts for future investment to mitigate and reduce risks.
- ODOE partnered with US DOE technical experts and PUC staff, and hired contractors to develop the plan.
- ODOE staff presented to Legislative Committees in December on the Plan, including highlighting specific mitigation ideas and concepts.



HB 2565 A: CONTRACTING WITH NATIONAL LABS

- HB 2565 A would allow contracting with National Labs, or “Federally Funded Research and Development Centers.” The amendment clarified which centers are included.
- Most National Labs are sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, including: Pacific NW National Lab (Richland, Washington), Idaho National Lab (Idaho Falls), and National Renewable Energy Lab (Golden, Colorado).
- Labs are sponsored and managed by federal agencies but are operated by contractors or universities. Most employees are not federal employees.
- While labs primarily work for the federal government, they can and do work for other governments (states, cities) and the private sector. Current barriers in Oregon contracting law restrict our ability to hire labs to do work on our behalf.
- Labs do not bid on RFPs – but because they are operated by contractors, ODOE cannot establish intergovernmental agreements like we can with other governments.



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