

HB 4076 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study energy. It directs ODOE to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy not later than September 15, 2027. It sunsets on January 2, 2028.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment replaces the measure. It requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), while evaluating statewide planning goal compliance of an energy facility, to find that the certain standards are met if EFSC finds that the proposed energy facility can deliver electricity to the grid using existing surplus interconnection and does not require electrical transmission lines further than two miles from the existing energy facility.

Detailed Summary:

Defines “surplus interconnection” as any capacity at the point of interconnection under an existing energy facility’s interconnection agreement that is not being utilized and does not exceed the original interconnection capacity of the existing energy facility. Requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), while evaluating statewide planning goal compliance of an energy facility, to find that the certain standards are met if EFSC finds that the proposed energy facility

- Will deliver electricity to the electric grid utilizing an existing energy facility’s surplus interconnection
- Does not require associated transmission lines more than two miles from the site boundaries of the existing energy facility

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- *REVENUE: No revenue impact*

BACKGROUND:

ODOE’s mission is to help Oregonians “make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system.”