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House Bill 2534

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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.

[Requires State Department of Energy to work with stakeholders to identify areas of inquiry regarding energy and energy use in this state, develop research options and convene advisory group to develop recommendations and benchmarks around energy and energy use in this state.]

Requires State Department of Energy to develop comprehensive state energy strategy that identifies optimized pathways to achieving state's energy policy objectives. Requires department to engage with state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes and stakeholders in developing state energy strategy. Permits department to convene advisory work group. Requires department to periodically update state energy strategy.

Directs department to produce report *[with final set of recommendations]* **regarding state energy strategy** and submit report to Governor and appropriate interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than *[September 15, 2024]* **November 1, 2025.**

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the use of energy in this state; and prescribing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall develop a comprehensive state energy strategy that identifies optimized pathways to achieving the state's energy policy objectives.

(2) The state energy strategy must be informed, at a minimum, by the following:

(a) Stakeholder perspectives;

(b) State laws, policies and targets regarding energy and greenhouse gas emissions;

(c) Existing energy and integrated resource plans;

(d) Energy-related studies and data analysis; and

(e) State energy policy objectives.

(3) In identifying optimized pathways to achieving the state's energy policy objectives, the state energy strategy must take into account, at a minimum, the following factors:

(a) State energy demand and trends;

(b) Energy resources and technology choices in consideration of costs, energy efficiency, feasibility and availability;

(c) Economic and employment impacts;

(d) Energy burden and affordability;

(e) Energy resilience, as defined in section 29, chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2021, and energy reliability;

(f) Environmental justice, as defined in ORS 469A.400;

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 (g) Land use considerations;
2 (h) Natural resource impacts;
3 (i) Emerging technologies and investment opportunities;
4 (j) Energy generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure needed to achieve
5 state energy policy objectives;
6 (k) Existing and potential incentives to support energy efficiency, development and de-
7 ployment;
8 (L) Energy security and impacts of broader markets;
9 (m) Community benefits; and
10 (n) Community energy resilience, as defined in section 29, chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2021.
- 11 (4)(a) In developing the state energy strategy, the department shall engage with relevant
12 state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes and stakeholders. At a minimum, the
13 stakeholders must represent a diverse range of:
- 14 (A) Interests, perspectives, expertise and education;
15 (B) Socioeconomic backgrounds;
16 (C) Communities; and
17 (D) Geographic areas of this state.
- 18 (b) The department may convene an advisory work group to inform the department on
19 the department's engagement with stakeholders and development of the state energy strat-
20 egy.
- 21 (5)(a) The department shall ensure that the state energy strategy developed under this
22 section reflects the best available information, data analyses and time horizons necessary to
23 achieving the state's energy policy objectives.
- 24 (b) The department shall periodically update the state energy strategy to reflect current
25 information, data analysis and state energy policy objectives.
- 26 (c) The department shall inform the Governor and Legislative Assembly when the de-
27 partment updates the state energy strategy.
- 28 (6) The department may contract with third parties for assistance in performing the
29 department's duties under this section, including assistance with technical or facilitation
30 services.
- 31 (7) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed, to the ex-
32 tent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice to
33 the department as the department considers necessary to perform the department's duties
34 under this section.
- 35 **SECTION 2.** (1) The State Department of Energy shall produce a report regarding the
36 state energy strategy developed under section 1 of this 2023 Act. The report, at minimum,
37 must:
- 38 (a) Summarize the state energy strategy and optimized pathways to achieving the state's
39 energy policy objectives;
40 (b) Describe the department's engagement process with stakeholders and how
41 stakeholder perspectives informed the state energy strategy; and
42 (c) Recommend legislation or changes to policy necessary to implement the state energy
43 strategy.
- 44 (2) The department shall submit the report produced under subsection (1) of this section
45 to the Governor and the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the

1 manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than November 1, 2025.

2 SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

3 SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
4 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

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