

# Senate Bill 960

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB

## SUMMARY

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Requires Oregon Business Development Department, in consultation with State Treasurer, to study funding and incentive opportunities for state energy industry. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy and economic development not later than September 15, 2023.

Requires State Department of Energy to study pathways for expanding regional collaboration between this state and neighboring and energy interdependent states on infrastructure, workforce development, supply chain and tribal consultation requirements. Directs department to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy and economic development not later than September 15, 2023.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to economic development; and declaring an emergency.

2 Whereas it is in the interest of this state to engage in regional energy planning for community  
3 resilience, energy grid reliability, economic diversification, workforce development and planning and  
4 development funding resources; and  
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6 Whereas federal funding, incentives and resources have been made available to states and re-  
7 gions that are actively planning and implementing clean energy transitions; now, therefore,

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

9 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department, in consultation with the**  
10 **State Treasurer, shall conduct a study to identify:**

11 (a) **Funding and incentive opportunities for the following areas in regard to the state**  
12 **energy industry:**

13 (A) **Infrastructure;**

14 (B) **Workforce development;**

15 (C) **Environmental and social impact analysis; and**

16 (D) **Supply-chain attraction; and**

17 (b) **Existing barriers to investment opportunities in this state's energy industry.**

18 (2) **The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
19 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
20 **Assembly related to energy and economic development no later than September 15, 2023.**

21 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.**

22 **SECTION 3. (1) The State Department of Energy shall conduct a study to identify path-**  
23 **ways for expanding regional collaboration between the State of Oregon and neighboring and**  
24 **energy interdependent states in the following areas:**

25 (a) **Infrastructure, including electric transmission systems, interstate transportation**  
26 **corridors and ports;**

27 (b) **Workforce development and support;**

**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 (c) Regional supply chains; and

2 (d) State and federal tribal consultation requirements and other legal responsibilities.

3 (2)(a) In conducting the study, the department shall conduct a review of regional forums  
4 that may serve to facilitate regional collaboration and are concerned with relevant regional  
5 issues including:

6 (A) Decarbonization;

7 (B) Regional energy markets; and

8 (C) Sustainable fisheries.

9 (b) The regional forums reviewed under paragraph (a) of this subsection may include:

10 (A) The West Coast Ocean Alliance;

11 (B) The Western Governors' Association;

12 (C) The Northwest Power and Conservation Council;

13 (D) Western Power Pool;

14 (E) The Pacific Fishery Management Council;

15 (F) The Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians;

16 (G) NorthernGrid;

17 (H) The Western Resource Adequacy Program;

18 (I) The Pacific Coast Collaborative;

19 (J) The Association of Pacific Ports;

20 (K) Washington Maritime Blue;

21 (L) United States Department of Energy regional offices and national laboratories;

22 (M) A state or governor's office related to tribal or Indian affairs;

23 (N) Private and public energy utilities;

24 (O) Trade organizations;

25 (P) Regional labor entities, including the Ninth District of the International Brotherhood  
26 of Electrical Workers and other building, manufacturing and maritime labor entities; and

27 (Q) Academic and educational institutions.

28 (3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
29 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
30 Assembly related to energy and economic development no later than September 15, 2023.

31 **SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

32 **SECTION 5.** This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
33 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect  
34 on its passage.

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