75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY Senate Committee on Rules

MEASURE: CARRIER:

KEVENUE. NO levenue impact	
FISCAL: No fiscal impact	
Action:	Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Eng. Measure (Printed B-Eng.)
Vote:	3 - 2 - 0
Yeas:	Burdick, Metsger, Devlin
Nays:	Atkinson, Ferrioli
Exc.:	-
Prepared By:	Erin Seiler, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	6/10, 6/16

REVENUE: No revenue impact

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines "renewable energy device" as solar panel or device obtaining energy from renewable energy resources or clothesline or other device that uses solar, wind, or other renewable energy resources to accomplish household tasks. Prohibits provision of declaration or bylaws of planned community or condominium from prohibiting installation or use of renewable energy device on owners lot, unit or in or on limited common elements reserved for unit. Applies to agreements entered into after effective date of Act. Establishes that Act does not authorize owner to install renewable energy device in or on common property or property maintained by homeowners association. Establishes that Act does not prohibit inclusion in declaration or bylaws of provision that establishes reasonable restrictions on size, appearance or location of renewable energy device without impairing effective operation.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Residential electricity consumption
- Applicability to private residencies
- Effect of homeowners' current and future Covenants Conditions and Restrictions agreements
- Increase in utilization of clotheslines when energy costs increase

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Appliances account for approximately 17 percent of an average household's energy consumption, with refrigerators, clothes washers, and clothes dryers at the top of the consumption list. House Bill 3090B defines "renewable energy device" and prohibits bylaws of a planned community or condominium from prohibiting the use or installation of a clothesline or other device that uses solar, wind, or other renewable energy resources to accomplish household tasks.