## 76TH OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY 2011 Regular Session PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE

MEASURE: HB 2523 –A5 CARRIER:

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Action:

EXHIBIT: HOUSE REVENUE COMMITTEE DATE: 5/11/2011 PAGES:

Vote:

SUBMITTED BY:

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Meeting Dates:

5/11

WHAT THE BILL DOES: Transfers administration of the manufacturing portion of the Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) from the Oregon Department of Energy to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD). Requires OBDD to certify the facility. Maintains the existing sunset date and limits on pre-certification credits that may be issued. Expands standards related to job creation for certified projects.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:** Clarifies that the sunset date is January 1, 2014 and is based on precertification.

**BACKGROUND:** The Business Energy Tax Credit for manufacturing projects provides that Oregon facilities that manufacture renewable energy resource equipment may be eligible for a credit worth 50 percent of eligible costs. Eligible costs include the building, equipment and machinery and other costs used to manufacture equipment, machinery or products designed exclusively for use as a renewable energy resource. Each project is limited to a maximum of \$40 million in eligible costs for each phase of development. The program is limited to \$200 million in precertification credits for the 2009-11 and 2011-13 biennia, and \$50 million for the six months from July 2013 to December 2013.

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