

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, statement not yet issued**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:**

Action:**Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires proprietary authorization from Department of State Lands (DSL) to construct or operate ocean renewable energy facility in Oregon's territorial sea. Requires Director of DSL to adopt rules necessary to implement proprietary authorization program for ocean renewable energy facilities, including requirements for construction and operation; maximum period proprietary authorization could be issued; and provisions to coordinate with removal or fill permit. Authorizes director to adopt by rule certain fees. Requires permit for removal or fill activities in territorial sea related to ocean renewable energy facility. Requires DSL to coordinate issuance of proprietary authorization decision and removal or fill permit decision for ocean renewable energy facility. Imposes civil penalties for violation of authorization requirements. Exempts ocean renewable energy facilities from regulation as hydroelectric projects under certain conditions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (Proposed -2 Amendment) Requires Department of State Lands (DSL) to convene committee to assist evaluating whether to establish general permit or general authorization for ocean renewable energy facilities used as components of research projects or demonstration projects that produce ocean renewable energy.

(Proposed -3 Amendment) Removes section establishing policy of State of Oregon. Requires Department of State Lands (DSL) to convene committee to assist evaluating whether to establish general permit or general authorization for ocean renewable energy facilities used as components of research projects or demonstration projects that produce ocean renewable energy.

BACKGROUND:

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This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.