## SB 451    STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### Joint Committee On Carbon Reduction

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| **Action Date:** | 01/25/19 |
| **Action:** | Without recommendation as to passage and be returned to President's desk for referral to another committee. |
| **Senate Vote** | |
| **Yeas:** | 7 - Bentz, Beyer, Dembrow, Girod, Golden, Olsen, Taylor |
| **House Vote** | |
| **Yeas:** | 7 - Bonham, Boshart Davis, Helm, Lively, Marsh, Power, Smith DB |
| **Fiscal:** | Fiscal impact issued |
| **Revenue:** | Revenue impact issued |
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| **Meeting Dates:** | 1/25 |

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes eligibility for renewable energy certificates for facilities that generate electricity from direct combustion of municipal solid waste and became operational before January 1, 1995, if such facilities register with Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System at any time.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Met for purpose of referring to different committee

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) directs Oregon utilities to source a defined percentage of their retail electricity sales, with generation from qualified renewable resources by specific dates. ORS 469A.130 requires the Oregon Department of Energy to establish a system of renewable energy certificates (RECs) that can be used by an electric utility or service supplier to establish compliance with the applicable RPS. The Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) issues renewable energy certificates (RECs) for Oregon-certified energy facilities that generate qualifying renewable power. Facilities receive one REC for one megawatt-hour of qualifying renewable energy they deliver to the grid. Utilities and electricity service suppliers purchase and then retire these RECs to demonstrate compliance with the RPS.

Senate Bill 451 would establish eligibility for renewable energy certificates for facilities that generate electricity from the direct combustion of municipal solid waste and became operational before January 1, 1995, if the facility had been registered with WREGIS at any time.