

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 2520 - 4**

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**Measure Description:**

Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to amend statewide land use planning goals related to energy conservation to incorporate development of renewable energy facilities and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and to match state energy policies.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Cities, Counties, Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Department of Forestry (ODF), Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Public Utility Commission (PUC), Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

**Summary of Expenditure Impact:**

	<b>2021-23 Biennium</b>	<b>2023-25 Biennium</b>
General Fund	\$300,000	\$0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Positions	0	0
FTE	0.00	0.00

**Analysis:**

HB 2520 - 4 directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to adopt rules identifying reasons that are sufficient for a county to justify an exception for facilities generating electricity from renewable energy sources that are other not allowed under statewide planning goals. Rules are to be effective by July 1, 2022, and must balance the values of community benefits, diversified energy sources, and addressing climate change with protections for other resources such as agriculture, forestry, natural resources, cultural resources, and open space. DLCD is directed to empanel a “broad and inclusive” rule advisory committee to ensure adequate stakeholder representation. The measure takes effect July 1, 2021.

This measure appropriates \$300,000 General Fund to Land Conservation and Development Commission to adopt rules. This funding will be used for meeting facilitation; temporary staff to provide administrative support for the rules and hearing process; outreach; and costs related to mapping and collection of GIS data.

There is no or minimal fiscal impact for Cities, Counties, Department of Forestry, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Public Utility Commission, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Energy, and Department of Fish and Wildlife.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact.