

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2520

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

April 16

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 5 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) On or before July 1, 2022, the Land Conservation and Development**
3 **Commission shall adopt rules identifying reasons sufficient for a county to justify an excep-**
4 **tion, as described in ORS 197.732, for facilities generating electricity from renewable energy**
5 **sources, as described in ORS 469A.025, that are otherwise not allowed under the applicable**
6 **statewide planning goal or goals.**

7 **“(2) Rules adopted under this section must:**

8 **“(a) Balance the value of in-state renewable energy generation to provide community**
9 **benefits, to diversify energy sources of this state and to address climate change with the**
10 **continued protections for important resource uses such as agriculture and forestry, natural**
11 **resources, cultural and historic resources and open space.**

12 **“(b) Be effective beginning no later than July 1, 2022.**

13 **“(3) In adopting rules under this section, the commission shall:**

14 **“(a) Evaluate different criteria in areas with fewer potential resources or with cultural**
15 **or community conflicts.**

16 **“(b) Evaluate alternative ways to mitigate potential conflicts that cannot be resolved**
17 **through avoidance or minimization.**

18 **“(c) Consider information from the State Department of Energy and any other relevant**
19 **information from other sources regarding the type of lands suitable for renewable energy**
20 **projects.**

21 **“(d) Empanel a broad and inclusive rule advisory committee that ensures adequate**
22 **stakeholder representation.**

23 **“(e) Consult with the State Department of Agriculture, the State Department of Energy,**
24 **the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Forestry Department, the Public Utility**
25 **Commission, the State Parks and Recreation Department and the federally recognized Indian**
26 **tribes in Oregon.**

27 **“SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appro-**
28 **riated to the Land Conservation and Development Commission, for the biennium beginning**
29 **July 1, 2021, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$300,000, to adopt rules under section**
30 **1 of this 2021 Act.**

31 **“SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2023.**

32 **“SECTION 4. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
33 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect**
34 **on July 1, 2021.”**