

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3375

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 7, after “communities” insert “, tribes”.

2 After line 11, insert:

3 “Whereas floating offshore wind turbines can be located in much greater depths and further
4 from the shore than fixed bottom offshore wind turbines and can be designed to minimize conflicts
5 with and multiply benefits to Oregon’s fishing communities; and”.

6 On page 2, line 11, after “fishers” insert “, as shared ocean users,”.

7 Delete lines 24 through 45 and delete pages 3 through 5 and insert:

8 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

9 **“(a) Oregon offshore wind holds tremendous potential and promise for this state to di-**
10 **versify its energy portfolio.**

11 **“(b) Oregon has an opportunity to participate in a growing global market by contributing**
12 **to the development of the nascent offshore wind energy supply chain.**

13 **“(c) An intergovernmental task force led by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management**
14 **has reengaged and is expected to reveal offshore wind call areas in 2021 for the development**
15 **of floating offshore wind energy within the federal waters off the Oregon coast.**

16 **“(d) Oregon has an opportunity to participate in holistic west coast planning for the**
17 **strategic integration of floating offshore wind energy within the next decade and to position**
18 **itself for potential market expansion thereafter.**

19 **“(e) The Department of Land Conservation and Development has an established role as**
20 **the lead state agency coordinating with the federal process for floating offshore wind devel-**
21 **opment and, as the lead agency of the federally approved Oregon Coastal Management Pro-**
22 **gram, the department implements the state’s federal consistency authority pursuant to the**
23 **Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 and associated federal regulations. The department**
24 **implements federal consistency review by evaluating federal activities for compliance with**
25 **state enforceable policies and their reasonably foreseeable effects to coastal uses and re-**
26 **sources of the Oregon coastal zone, and the department will coordinate with networked**
27 **agency and local government partners to evaluate floating offshore wind development activ-**
28 **ities for consistency with the Oregon Coastal Management Program.**

29 **“(f) The Oregon Business Development Department has established a leadership role in**
30 **facilitating attracting the floating offshore wind energy industry to this state and in facili-**
31 **tating floating offshore wind energy supply chain development.**

32 **“(g) Understanding the impacts, benefits, opportunities and barriers of floating offshore**
33 **wind energy with respect to Oregon’s fishing communities, ocean and shore-side recreational**
34 **users, tribes, ports, coastal ecosystems, natural resources, manufacturing industry, mari-**
35 **time sector, disaster recovery planning, workforce development and electricity ratepayers**

1 can maximize the benefits to this state, while minimizing the conflicts between floating off-
2 shore wind energy, the ocean ecosystem and ocean users.

3 “(h) Defining a pathway for Oregon to take advantage to the fullest extent possible of the
4 federal offshore wind investment tax credit and other federal infrastructure investment
5 programs that could benefit Oregon’s ports and transmission system can facilitate immediate
6 economic investments as well as long term ratepayer savings.

7 “(i) Understanding the feasibility of using offshore wind as a clean power source for the
8 future in-state generation of renewable fuel such as renewable hydrogen will strengthen
9 state and regional energy decarbonization planning scenarios.

10 “(j) Investigating potential mechanisms to integrate floating offshore wind energy into
11 Oregon’s future energy mix will strengthen state and regional energy decarbonization strat-
12 egies.

13 “(2) In furtherance of the findings set forth in subsection (1) of this section, the Legis-
14 lative Assembly finds and declares that:

15 “(a) It is the goal of this state to plan for the development of up to three gigawatts of
16 floating offshore wind energy projects within the federal waters off the Oregon coast by 2030;

17 “(b) It is further the goal of this state that the planning described in this subsection be
18 conducted in a manner that will maximize benefits to this state while minimizing conflicts
19 between floating offshore wind energy, the ocean ecosystem and ocean users; and

20 “(c) Consistent with applicable federal law, it shall be the policy position of the State of
21 Oregon that:

22 “(A) Any federal planning or permitting process for offshore energy research and devel-
23 opment in federal waters off the Oregon coast and for any related transmission and other
24 facilities, particularly those that transverse Oregon’s territorial sea, shall adequately con-
25 sider the prompt decommissioning of any offshore facility after permanent cessation of use
26 of the facility; and

27 “(B) Adequate consideration as described in this paragraph must include consideration
28 of the removal or decommissioning of anchors, cables and any other equipment related to
29 the facility in a manner that will serve to avoid future conflicts between the equipment and
30 fishing operations conducted by persons who hold licenses issued pursuant to the commercial
31 fishing laws.

32 “SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Energy shall conduct a literature review on
33 the benefits and challenges of integrating up to three gigawatts of floating offshore wind
34 energy into Oregon’s electric grid by 2030.

35 “(2) In addition to conducting the literature review required by this section, the State
36 Department of Energy shall:

37 “(a) Gather input and consult with other interested or appropriate state, regional and
38 national entities, including but not limited to the Department of Land Conservation and De-
39 velopment, the Oregon Business Development Department, the State Department of Fish and
40 Wildlife, the Public Utility Commission, the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, the
41 Bonneville Power Administration, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, the National
42 Renewable Energy Laboratory, the United States Department of Defense and the Pacific
43 Northwest National Laboratory, on the effects, including benefits and challenges, of inte-
44 grating up to three gigawatts of floating offshore wind energy on reliability, state renewable
45 energy goals, jobs, equity and resilience; and

1 **(b) Hold no less than two public remote meetings with interested stakeholders to provide**
2 **a summary of the literature review and consultation required by this section and to gather**
3 **feedback from stakeholders on the benefits and challenges of integrating up to three**
4 **gigawatts of floating offshore wind energy into Oregon’s electric grid.**

5 **“(3) The State Department of Energy shall provide a summary of the key findings from**
6 **the literature review and consultation required by this section, including opportunities for**
7 **future study and engagement, in a report and in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, to the**
8 **appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15,**
9 **2022.**

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

11 **“SECTION 4. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021**
12 **regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.**

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