

Requested by Senator TAYLOR

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 589**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “organization” insert “; and
2 declaring an emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy, in consultation
5 with the Public Utility Commission, shall prepare a report identifying
6 the benefits, opportunities and challenges posed by the development
7 or expansion of a regional transmission organization in this state.**

8 **“(2) As part of preparing the report required by this section, the
9 department shall review studies and reports relevant to the develop-
10 ment or expansion of a regional transmission organization in this state
11 made available between January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2021, and conduct
12 a literature review of other existing studies and reports pertaining to
13 regional transmission organization development in the western United
14 States.**

15 **“(3) The department shall be advised by an advisory committee in
16 drafting the report. The advisory committee shall, at a minimum, in-
17 clude:**

18 **“(a) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the
19 Senate;**

20 **“(b) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives;**

1 **“(c) One member of the Public Utility Commission or a designee of**
2 **the commission;**

3 **“(d) One representative of the Office of the Governor; and**

4 **“(e) The following nine members appointed by the department:**

5 **“(A) Two representatives of investor owned utilities that provide**
6 **retail energy to customers in Oregon;**

7 **“(B) One representative of a rural electric cooperative;**

8 **“(C) One representative of a people’s utility district;**

9 **“(D) One representative of a municipal electric utility;**

10 **“(E) One representative of independent power producers;**

11 **“(F) One representative of a nonprofit organization with expertise**
12 **in markets and transmission;**

13 **“(G) One representative of a labor organization; and**

14 **“(H) One representative of an organization with expertise in envi-**
15 **ronmental and social justice.**

16 **“(4)(a) Upon completion of the reviews required by subsection (2)**
17 **of this section, the department, in consultation with the Public Utility**
18 **Commission, shall prepare a summary of the reviews and a set of**
19 **scoping questions informed by those reviews, to be shared with the**
20 **advisory committee required under subsection (3) of this section in**
21 **preparation for advisory committee meetings. The department shall:**

22 **“(A) Hold no less than two meetings with the advisory committee**
23 **to gather advice from the committee on the benefits, opportunities and**
24 **challenges posed by the development or expansion of a regional**
25 **transmission organization in this state; and**

26 **“(B) Gather written responses from advisory committee members**
27 **to the scoping questions prepared by the department.**

28 **“(b) In addition to gathering advice from the advisory committee,**
29 **the department shall, to the extent feasible:**

30 **“(A) Gather advice from the Bonneville Power Administration and**

1 any other relevant state, regional or federal entities; and

2 “(B) Consider any relevant studies, reports, literature or drafts
3 thereof that are made available after July 1, 2021, but before the de-
4 partment finalizes the report required by this section.

5 “(5) The department shall provide the report required by this sec-
6 tion to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to
7 energy, in the manner provided in ORS 192.245, no later than Decem-
8 ber 31, 2021. The report shall include the department’s findings from
9 the review required under subsection (2) of this section and a summary
10 of the advice gathered and reviews undertaken by the department
11 pursuant to subsection (4) of this section. The report may include
12 recommendations for legislation.

13 **“SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed January 2, 2022.

14 **“SECTION 3.** This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate
15 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is
16 declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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