

HB 2520-4
(LC 3200)
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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT (at the request of Representative Pam Marsh)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2520**

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 **“(a) Evaluate different criteria in areas with fewer potential re-
18 sources or with cultural or community conflicts.**

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

21 **“(c) Consider information from the State Department of Energy and**

1 any other relevant information from other sources regarding the type
2 of lands suitable for renewable energy projects.

3 “(d) Empanel a broad and inclusive rule advisory committee that
4 ensures adequate stakeholder representation.

5 “(e) Consult with the State Department of Agriculture, the State
6 Department of Energy, the State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the
7 State Forestry Department, the Public Utility Commission, the State
8 Parks and Recreation Department and the federally recognized Indian
9 tribes in Oregon.

10 “SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropri-
11 ation, there is appropriated to the Land Conservation and Develop-
12 ment Commission, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, out of the
13 General Fund, the amount of \$300,000, to adopt rules under section 1
14 of this 2021 Act.

15 “SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2,
16 2023.

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

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