

SB 852 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 2/21, 3/7

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to establish program to provide assistance related to energy projects and activities to environmental justice communities. Stipulates that at a minimum the program must provide environmental justice communities with information regarding funding resources, technical assistance, and other support that may be available.

- Fiscal Statement Issued
- No Revenue Impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

An Environmental justice community, as defined by ORS 469A.400, "includes communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities."

Senate Bill 852 would direct the Oregon Department of Energy to establish a program to provide assistance related to energy projects and activities to environmental justice communities.