

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure Description:

Establishes state policy for offshore wind energy development.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Utility Commission, Department of Energy, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of the Governor, Special Districts Association of Oregon, Counties, Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Coquille Indian Tribe, Department of Land Conservation and Development

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Analysis:

The measure establishes the state policy for offshore wind energy development. The measure directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), through the Oregon Coastal Management Program, to conduct outreach and engage and coordinate with state agencies, local governments, and affected communities to carry out the specified policies outlined in the measure. The measure requires DLCD to conduct or support federal consistency reviews of offshore wind leasing decisions and related actions on the Oregon coast made by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. The measure also authorizes the agency to engage a consultant to support DLCD to carry out the required provisions. The measure declares an emergency and is effective upon passage.

The fiscal impact for DLCD is \$100,000 General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium to contract for the required facilitation and outreach.

There is a minimal fiscal impact to the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, Coquille Indian Tribe, and counties. There is no fiscal impact to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, Office of the Governor, Public Utility Commission, Oregon Department of Energy, or special districts.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means for consideration of its budgetary impact on the State’s General Fund.