

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2534

By COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy shall develop a comprehensive state**  
3 **energy strategy that identifies optimized pathways to achieving the state’s energy policy**  
4 **objectives.**

5 **“(2) The state energy strategy must be informed, at a minimum, by the following:**

6 **“(a) Stakeholder perspectives;**

7 **“(b) State laws, policies and targets regarding energy and greenhouse gas emissions;**

8 **“(c) Existing energy and integrated resource plans;**

9 **“(d) Energy-related studies and data analysis; and**

10 **“(e) State energy policy objectives.**

11 **“(3) In identifying optimized pathways to achieving the state’s energy policy objectives,**  
12 **the state energy strategy must take into account, at a minimum, the following factors:**

13 **“(a) State energy demand and trends;**

14 **“(b) Energy resources and technology choices in consideration of costs, energy efficiency,**  
15 **feasibility and availability;**

16 **“(c) Economic and employment impacts;**

17 **“(d) Energy burden and affordability;**

18 **“(e) Energy resilience, as defined in section 29, chapter 508, Oregon Laws 2021, and en-**  
19 **ergy reliability;**

20 **“(f) Environmental justice, as defined in ORS 469A.400;**

21 **“(g) Land use considerations;**

22 **“(h) Natural resource impacts;**

23 **“(i) Emerging technologies and investment opportunities;**

24 **“(j) Energy generation, transmission and distribution infrastructure needed to achieve**  
25 **state energy policy objectives;**

26 **“(k) Existing and potential incentives to support energy efficiency, development and de-**  
27 **ployment;**

28 **“(L) Energy security and impacts of broader markets;**

29 **“(m) Community benefits; and**

30 **“(n) Community energy resilience, as defined in section 29, chapter 508, Oregon Laws**  
31 **2021.**

32 **“(4)(a) In developing the state energy strategy, the department shall engage with relevant**  
33 **state agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes and stakeholders. At a minimum, the**  
34 **stakeholders must represent a diverse range of:**

35 **“(A) Interests, perspectives, expertise and education;**

1       “(B) Socioeconomic backgrounds;

2       “(C) Communities; and

3       “(D) Geographic areas of this state.

4       “(b) The department may convene an advisory work group to inform the department on  
5 the department’s engagement with stakeholders and development of the state energy strat-  
6 egy.

7       “(5)(a) The department shall ensure that the state energy strategy developed under this  
8 section reflects the best available information, data analyses and time horizons necessary to  
9 achieving the state’s energy policy objectives.

10       “(b) The department shall periodically update the state energy strategy to reflect current  
11 information, data analysis and state energy policy objectives.

12       “(c) The department shall inform the Governor and Legislative Assembly when the de-  
13 partment updates the state energy strategy.

14       “(6) The department may contract with third parties for assistance in performing the  
15 department’s duties under this section, including assistance with technical or facilitation  
16 services.

17       “(7) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed, to the ex-  
18 tent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice to  
19 the department as the department considers necessary to perform the department’s duties  
20 under this section.

21       “SECTION 2. (1) The State Department of Energy shall produce a report regarding the  
22 state energy strategy developed under section 1 of this 2023 Act. The report, at minimum,  
23 must:

24       “(a) Summarize the state energy strategy and optimized pathways to achieving the  
25 state’s energy policy objectives;

26       “(b) Describe the department’s engagement process with stakeholders and how  
27 stakeholder perspectives informed the state energy strategy; and

28       “(c) Recommend legislation or changes to policy necessary to implement the state energy  
29 strategy.

30       “(2) The department shall submit the report produced under subsection (1) of this section  
31 to the Governor and the appropriate interim committees of the Legislative Assembly in the  
32 manner provided under ORS 192.245 no later than November 1, 2025.

33       “SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2026.

34       “SECTION 4. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023  
35 regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”

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