

# House Bill 3069

Sponsored by Representative HELM

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes Task Force on Offshore Wind. Directs task force to study how state may support development of offshore wind energy generation and transmission. Directs task force to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to energy and economic development no later than September 15, 2023.

Appropriates moneys from General Fund to State Department of Energy for purpose of carrying out duties of task force.

Declares emergency, effect on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to offshore wind; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Task Force on Offshore Wind is established.**

5 **(2) The task force consists of members appointed by the Director of the State Depart-**  
6 **ment of Energy. The members of the task force must reflect the diversity of stakeholders**  
7 **engaged in and affected by state policy decisions related to offshore wind.**

8 **(3) The task force shall study how the state may support the development of offshore**  
9 **wind energy generation and transmission, including, but not limited to, examining:**

10 **(a) The state's role with respect to siting offshore facilities and offshore and onshore**  
11 **infrastructure that supports offshore facilities;**

12 **(b) Methods and mechanisms for coordinating with relevant federal agencies and local**  
13 **communities; and**

14 **(c) Actions the state and state agencies may take to integrate and interconnect**  
15 **federally-designated offshore wind areas and offshore facilities with this state's electric grid.**

16 **(4) A majority of members of the task force constitutes a quorum for the transaction**  
17 **of business.**

18 **(5) Official action by the task force requires the approval of a majority of the members**  
19 **of the task force.**

20 **(6) The task force shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.**

21 **(7) The task force shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson**  
22 **or of a majority of the members of the task force.**

23 **(8) The task force may adopt rules necessary for the operation of the task force.**

24 **(9) The State Department of Energy shall provide staff support to the task force.**

25 **(10) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist**  
26 **the task force in the performance of the duties of the task force and, to the extent permitted**  
27 **by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task**  
28 **force consider necessary to perform their duties.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1       (11) The task force shall report on its findings and recommendations in the manner  
2 provided by ORS 192.245, and may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim  
3 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy and economic development no later  
4 than September 15, 2023.

5       SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2023 Act is repealed on January 2, 2024.

6       SECTION 3. There is appropriated to the State Department of Energy, for the biennium  
7 beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of  
8 carrying out the duties of the Task Force on Offshore Wind established in section 1 of this  
9 2023 Act.

10       SECTION 4. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
11 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect  
12 on its passage.  
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