

HB 2656 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the Oregon Public Utility Commission or a relevant governing body of utilities from setting a maximum amount of cumulative generating capacity of solar net-metering systems that is allowed to be interconnected.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Net metering is a utility interconnection model that enables customers to offset some or all of their energy use with onsite renewable energy generation and be billed for only the net energy consumed. At least 44 states have passed net-metering (also called net-energy metering) policies since the 1980s. The policies set rules for how to compensate people and organizations that supply energy to the grid from small-scale, distributed energy generation (mainly through solar photovoltaic systems).