

HB 3261 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the 16-member Task Force on Renewable Diesel and requires task force to submit a report to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 15, 2026.

Detailed summary:

Establishes the Task Force on Renewable Diesel (task force), composed of 16 members appointed by the President of the Senate (two members), the Speaker of the House of Representatives (two members), and the Governor (nine members), and three non-voting members. Establishes task force's tasks and responsibilities. Requires task force to submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later than December 15, 2026. Requires the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Energy to jointly provide staff support to the task force. Sunsets the task force and related activities on December 31, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

- *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:

-1 The amendment adds two additional Governor-appointed members to the Task Force on Renewable Diesel.

BACKGROUND:

Renewable diesel is an advanced biofuel that is made from similar sources used for biodiesel, but is created using a process that involves heat, pressure, and hydrogen to create a cleaner fuel that is also suitable for use in diesel engines. More information is needed about the production and availability of renewable diesel, specifically when produced from biomass.