

## **SB 828 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Energy and Environment**

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**Sub-Referral To:** Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes the Grid Resilience Matching Fund (Fund) consisting of money appropriated or otherwise transferred by the Legislative Assembly and any other source. Appropriates money in Fund to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to provide state matching funds to leverage federal grant funding for grid resilience projects, and related administrative costs. Requires ODOE to report to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy regarding the expenditures and the status of grid resilience projects that have received funding no later than December 31 of each even-numbered year.

- Fiscal Statement Issued
- No Revenue Impact

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

According to the 2024 Biennial Energy Report distributed energy generation, renewable energy, microgrids, and energy storage can improve the reliability of energy on the grid and help the system recover a disaster or other interruption in service. In 2021, Congress enacted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), including the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants Program. Under the IIJA, Oregon is expected to receive over \$30 million over five years to enhance grid resilience and reliability. The IIJA requires states to provide a 15 percent match as are utilities. In 2024, the Oregon Legislature appropriated \$4,634,855 to provide the required matching funds.