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Bill Title: Relating to county energy resilience plans; declaring an emergency.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Counties, Department of Energy

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Energy	$ 1,589,368	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,589,368	1	1.00
Total Fiscal Impact	**$ 1,589,368**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 1,589,368**	**1**	**1.00**

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Dpeartment of Energy	$ 96,240	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 96,240	1	0.25
Total Fiscal Impact	**$ 96,240**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ 96,240**	**1**	**0.25**

Measure Description

The measure modifies the requirements for county energy resilience plans that are required by statute. Counties must address short-term, medium-term, and long-term power outages; identify critical public services facilities (including alternate energy generation and storage resources and relevant energy consumption needs); and engage with local environmental justice communities when selecting potential community resilience centers. The requirement to map energy infrastructure, natural hazard risks, or socially vulnerable communities is removed, although counties must still consider natural hazard risks and mitigation strategies when selecting facilities. The measure also expands the definition of "critical public services facility" to include community resilience centers.

The measure extends the sunset date of the Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) grant program for county energy resilience plans from January 2, 2026 to January 2, 2028. ODOE must submit a progress report by June 30, 2027, detailing the program's status and identifying opportunities to integrate county energy resilience plans into broader state planning efforts.

The County Energy Resilience Grant Program, established through HB 3630 (2023) and funded with $2.1 million of one-time General Fund in the 2023-25 biennium, provides up to $50,000 per county for energy resilience planning costs, including salaries, technical assistance, and other necessary expenses. Counties may combine grant funds for planning purposes. Of the total funding provided for the program, $1.8 million was for grant awards, with the remainder supporting a full-time limited duration position to administer the program. As of February 2025, 12 counties have enrolled in the program for a total of $600,000 estimated to be distributed in the 2023-25 biennium.

Fiscal Analysis
The Department's fiscal impact statement assumes that funding would be extended for the remaining 24 counties, totaling $1.2 million of one-time General Fund, for grant distribution in 2025-27, and that the associated position would also continue to administer the program. Personal services and associated services and supplies costs total $264,147 to extend this limited duration full-time position (1.00 FTE) through 2025-27. Position related costs for 2027-29, including related services and supplies, total $64,935.

The Department has a federally approved indirect cost rate that funds a portion of the overall agency administrative costs. This indirect rate is applied as part of the costs of any newly authorized positions. Typically, this is funded with the Energy Supplier Assessment, unless the new position is funded through another dedicated source, such as General Fund or Federal Funds, in which case that dedicated source is assumed to cover the indirect cost rate. Indirect costs of the limited duration full-time position totals $125,221 in 2025-27 and $31,305 in 2027-29.

Relevant Dates
The department shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy by June 30, 2027.

The County Energy Resilience Grant Program is repealed on January 2, 2028.

The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.