HB 3450 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy develop an energy storage transition plan for the critical energy infrastructure hub.

Detailed Summary

- Defines 'Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub' as bulk oils or liquid fuel terminals as defined in ORS 468B.510.
- Requires the Oregon Department of Energy develop an energy storage transition plan for the critical energy infrastructure hub; describes report requirements.
- Requires the department to engage with stakeholders, experts, community members, government agencies and others to develop plan.
- Requires the department to assess the potential for requiring owners or operators of bulk oils or liquid fuel terminals to obtain insurance, bonds, or other evidence of financial assurance for potential release of fuels due to an earthquake.
- Allows that the department may work with the National Policy Consensuses Center at Portland State University to coordinate and develop plan.
- Requires the department to submit a report and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2026.
- Repeals the Act on January 2, 2027.
- Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statutes 468B.510 describes "bulk oils or liquid fuels terminal" as industrial facilities located in Columbia, Multnomah or Lane County that are primarily engaged in the transport or bulk storage of oils or liquid fuel products and are characterized by having: marine, pipeline, railroad or vehicular transport access; transloading facilities for transferring shipments of oils or liquid fuel products between transportation modes; and one or more bulk storage tanks with a combined capacity of two million gallons or more.

According to Multnomah County, 90% of all liquid fuel in Oregon is stored at these facilities which are commonly called the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub (CEI Hub). Built before the current understanding of the Cascadia Subduction Zone and potential earthquake risk, the CEI Hub is built on soil that has the potential to liquify in a major earthquake.