

HB 2941 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Education to provide technical support to school districts planning and developing eligible renewable energy projects. The measure appropriates an unspecified amount from the General Fund to the Oregon Department of Education.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Availability of federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act
- Uses of the tax credits under the Inflation Reduction Act.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Federal Government mainly collects taxes from state and local governments through employment taxes and Social Security and Medicare Section 218 agreements. [Title 26 U.S.C. sect. 6417\(b\)](#) allows state and local governments to receive tax credits for renewable energy projects against their federal tax liability.

According to the [Department of the Treasury](#), school districts can utilize the tax credits for the purchase of electric school buses or other clean energy vehicles, installation of solar panels, installation of a microgrid, installation of central geothermal systems, and installing alternative fuel refueling property.