

HB 3927 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study the need to expand electric transmission infrastructure in this state and submit a report; establishes the Oregon Electric Transmission Expansion Fund (Fund) to develop and complete two electric transmission expansion projects; appropriates \$8 billion to ODOE for each of the next five biennia, beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund for deposit in the Fund and it sunsets the Fund on January 2, 2036.

Detailed summary:

Electric transmission infrastructure study and report

Requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study the need to expand electric transmission infrastructure in this state and submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets the study and reporting requirements on January 2, 2027.

Oregon Electric Transmission Expansion Fund

Establishes the Oregon Electric Transmission Expansion Fund (Fund) from the General Fund to develop and complete two electric transmission expansion projects no later than January 1, 2036.

Fund appropriation

Appropriates \$8 billion to ODOE for each of the next five biennia, beginning July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund for deposit in the Fund.

Sunset provision

Sunsets the Fund on January 2, 2036.

- *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 replaces \$8 billion appropriations with \$1.6 billion appropriations to ODOE for each of the next five biennia.

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BACKGROUND:

The need to build more electric transmission lines in Oregon has increased as energy demand and the need to transport more energy to existing and new uses have also increased. According to a 2023 report by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), only 251 miles of high-voltage electricity transmission lines across the

country were completed in 2023.

It is the mission of The Oregon Department of Energy to help Oregonians “make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system.”

PRELIMINARY