

HB 3539 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), or the Department of Environmental Quality at the direction of the EQC, to contract with a third party to study and determine a greenhouse gas reporting emissions factor for electricity purchased from unspecified sources.

Detailed summary:

Requires the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), or the Department of Environmental Quality at the direction of the EQC, to contract with a third party to study and determine a greenhouse gas reporting emissions factor for electricity purchased from unspecified sources. Requires the EQC to cause the study to be completed no less than once every five years. Requires the commission to update rules establishing the emissions factor no later than January 1, 2027. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

- *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:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) allows the Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) by rule to classify air contamination sources according to levels and types of emissions and other characteristics which cause or contribute to air pollution (ORS 468A.050). The EQC may also require registration or reporting, or both, for any of class or classes of air contamination sources (ORS 468A.050). Additionally, the EQC can, by rule, require people who import, sell, allocate, or distribute electricity for use in Oregon to register and report on the electricity that emits greenhouse gases (ORS 468A.280).