

SB 828 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Action Date: 02/17/25

Action: Do pass and refer to Ways and Means by prior reference.

Vote: 4-1-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Golden, Pham, Smith DB, Sollman

Nays: 1 - Robinson

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/5, 2/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Grid Resilience Matching Fund (Fund) consisting of money appropriated or otherwise transferred by the Legislative Assembly and any other source. It appropriates money in Fund to the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to provide state matching funds to leverage federal grant funding for grid resilience projects and related administrative costs. It authorizes ODOE to adopt rules necessary for administration of the fund. The measure further requires ODOE to report to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy regarding the expenditures and the status of grid resilience projects that have received funding no later than December 31 of each even-numbered year.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative Assembly previously appropriated matching funds for Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants Program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to the Oregon Department of Energy's *2024 Biennial Energy Report*, distributed energy generation, renewable energy, microgrids, and energy storage can improve the reliability of energy on the grid and help the system recover a disaster or other interruption in service.

In 2021, Congress enacted the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), including the Grid Resilience State and Tribal Formula Grants Program. Under the IIJA, Oregon is expected to receive over \$30 million over five years to enhance grid resilience and reliability. The IIJA requires states as well as utilities to provide a 15 percent match. In 2024, the Oregon Legislature appropriated \$4,634,855 to provide the required matching funds.