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Bill Title: Relating to siting of energy facilities in designated critical ground water areas.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Water Resources Department, Department of Land Conservation and Development, Department of Energy, Department of Revenue

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Land Conservation and Development	\$161,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161,487	1	0.50
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 161,487	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 161,487	1	0.50

2027-29 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Land Conservation and Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure directs the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), in consultation with the Department of Revenue (DOR), the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and the Water Resources Department (WRD), to study issues related to siting small-scale renewable energy facilities in critical ground water areas east of the Cascade Range. The study must explore land use, taxation, investment feasibility, and siting issues for various types and sizes of renewable energy projects. DLCD must report study findings to an interim legislative committee related to land use no later than November 30, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

To complete the study and report required by the measure, the Department of Land Conservation and Development would need a limited duration full-time Planner 4 position (0.50 FTE) in the 2025-27 biennium, at an estimated cost of \$161,487 General Fund. This position would lead the study, manage outreach and coordination with partner agencies and stakeholders, and conduct in-state travel to groundwater-limited areas.

Other entities

The measure is anticipated to have minimal impact for the Water Resources Department, the Oregon Department of Energy, and the Department of Revenue.

Relevant Dates

DLCD is required to submit a report on the study’s findings to the interim legislative committees related to land use no later than November 30, 2026.

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.