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Bill Title: Relating to the deployment of renewable energy projects; prescribing an effective date.

Government Unit(s) Affected: Public Utility Commission, Department of Energy

Summary of Fiscal Impact

2025-27 Biennium	General Fund	Lottery Funds	Other Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds	Positions	FTE
Department of Energy	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250,000	-	-

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Department of Energy	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-
Total Fiscal Impact	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	-

Measure Description

The measure directs the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to study the financial costs and benefits of developing certain energy projects in Oregon. This includes qualifying facilities under state and federal law and small-scale renewable energy projects of 20 megawatts or less. To complete the study, ODOE must collect data from project owners, developers, and public utilities, with support from the Public Utility Commission. A final report, including any legislative recommendations, is due to interim legislative committees related to energy by September 30, 2026.

Fiscal Analysis

The total estimated fiscal impact of the measure is \$250,000 General Fund in the 2025-27 biennium.

Department of Energy

ODOE is anticipating to contract with a third party to support development of the study's scope and analysis. The agency lacks internal resources to perform the detailed cost-benefit assessments required for qualifying facilities and small-scale renewable energy projects. Contracting costs are estimated at \$250,000 Other Funds in the 2025-27 biennium. ODOE staff support for this measure can be provided using existing resources.

Public Utility Commission

The measure is anticipated to have minimal impact to the Public Utility Commission.

Relevant Dates

ODOE shall submit a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 30, 2026. The study provision is repealed January 2, 2027.

The measure takes effect on the 91st day after sine die.