

## **SB 1034 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Energy and Environment**

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**Action Date:** 04/09/25

**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage and request referral to Rules.

**Vote:** 5-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 5 - Golden, Pham, Robinson, Smith DB, Sollman

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** Revenue impact issued

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/31, 4/9

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure modifies the criteria by which the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) evaluates proposed energy facilities for compliance with statewide planning goals. The Act eliminates provisions that currently allow EFSC to approve a facility even if it does not meet the local government's land use plan and regulations, provided it aligns with broader statewide planning objectives.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) siting process
- Role of local government in EFSC process
- Challenges associated with developing renewable energy projects

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), county governments, and the federal government may have siting authority over a proposed energy project, depending on a project's scope, size, and land ownership. EFSC has the authority to site large, proposed energy projects, as well as projects developers ask to be reviewed by EFSC. Generally, EFSC does not have authority over proposed projects that fall below certain size thresholds, as determined by the Oregon Legislature. Before a large energy facility is built in Oregon, a developer must apply for a site certificate from EFSC.

In order to determine land use compliance, EFSC will appoint a Special Advisory Group (SAG). The SAG is comprised of members of a governing body or local government located near the proposed facility. EFSC considers applicable substantive criteria identified by the SAG when determining whether the proposed facility complies with the statewide planning goals.