#### HB 2152 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

# House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

**Action Date:** 04/08/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.

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**Vote:** 4-3-0-0

Yeas: 4 - Evans, Grayber, Tran, Watanabe

Nays: 3 - Boice, Lewis, SkarlatosFiscal: Fiscal impact issuedRevenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/27, 4/8

## WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy to develop the Statewide Geographic Diversity of Fueling Stations for Disaster Reserves Priority Action Plan.

## **Detailed Summary**

- Requires the Oregon Department of Energy to work with the Department of Environmental Quality, the
  Department of Land Conservation and Development, and the Labor Education and Research Center at the
  University of Oregon on the plan.
- Requires the plan to be based on the 2024 Oregon Energy Security Plan; outlines the report requirements, including strategies and polices to maintain a skilled and trained fuel storage emergency response, operation, maintenance, and construction workforce.
- Requires a workforce transition plan for fuel storage workers; lists plan requirements.
- Requires formal consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes when selecting new or expanded fuel storage.
- Requires plan consider negative impacts on the environmental health of communities in areas identified for new or expanded fuel storage capacity; lists potential impacts.
- Allows the department to take actions necessary to implement the plan; requires review and update of the plan once every five years.
- Directs the department to submit the action plan to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy no later than September 15, 2026.
- Take effect on the 91<sup>st</sup> day following adjournment sine die.

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Concerns about the soils the critical energy infrastructure hub is built on and the risk of liquification during an earthquake
- Interest in including other agencies in the planning process, including the Oregon Department of Emergency Management and the State Resilience Officer
- Questions on whether nuclear energy should be included in the plan

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

- Requires the Oregon Department of Energy to work also with the Oregon Department of Emergency Management, the State Fire Marshal, and the State Resilience officer to develop the plan.
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### **BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 1567 (2022) required the Oregon Department of Energy develop the <u>Oregon Energy Security Plan</u> to evaluate the state's ability to recover quickly from physical threats, including a magnitude 9.0 Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and cybersecurity threats. The measure also required the department to make recommendations for increasing the geographic diversity of fuel storage capacity throughout this state and the <u>Diversification of Oregon's Liquid Fuel Storage</u> geospatial screening tool was developed to identify and prioritize alternative sites for fuel storage in Oregon.