

House Bill 2067

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: This Act directs ODOE to make a program to give rebates for the purchase of leaf blowers that run on batteries. (Flesch Readability Score: 68.6).

Directs the State Department of Energy to establish a rebate program for the purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers.

Establishes the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to landscape equipment rebates; and prescribing an effective date.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Battery-powered leaf blower” means a leaf blower that is powered by an electric**
6 **battery.**

7 (b) **“Commercial contractor” has the meaning given that term in ORS 701.005.**

8 (c) **“Landscape construction professional” means a landscape construction professional,**
9 **as defined in ORS 671.520, who is licensed under ORS 671.510 to 671.760.**

10 (d) **“Landscape contracting business” means a landscape contracting business, as defined**
11 **in ORS 671.520, that is licensed under ORS 671.510 to 671.760.**

12 (2) **The State Department of Energy shall establish by rule a program for providing re-**
13 **bates to commercial contractors, landscape construction professionals and landscape con-**
14 **tracting businesses for the purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers.**

15 (3) **Rebates shall be in an amount that is equal to 50 percent of the price paid by the**
16 **person requesting the rebate for:**

17 (a) **A battery-powered leaf blower; and**

18 (b) **Any new batteries or new battery chargers necessary for the person to use the**
19 **battery-powered leaf blower for ordinary business reasons.**

20 (4) **Rebates shall be made only for battery-powered leaf blowers that are intended to be**
21 **used for business reasons.**

22 (5) **Rebates shall be made from moneys credited to or deposited in the Commercial**
23 **Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund established under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

24 **SECTION 2. (1) The Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund is established in the**
25 **State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Com-**
26 **mmercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund shall be credited to the fund.**

27 (2) **Moneys in the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund shall consist of:**

28 (a) **Amounts donated to the fund;**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **(b) Amounts appropriated or otherwise transferred to the fund by the Legislative As-**
2 **sembly;**

3 **(c) Other amounts deposited in the fund from any public or private source; and**

4 **(d) Interest earned by the fund.**

5 **(3) Moneys in the Commercial Landscape Equipment Rebate Fund are continuously ap-**
6 **propriated to the State Department of Energy to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this**
7 **2025 Act.**

8 **SECTION 3. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
9 **ated to the State Department of Energy, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of the**
10 **General Fund, the amount of \$_____ for deposit in the Commercial Landscape Equipment**
11 **Rebate Fund established under section 2 of this 2025 Act.**

12 **SECTION 4. (1) Section 1 of this 2025 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.**

13 **(2) The State Department of Energy may take any action before the operative date**
14 **specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the department to ex-**
15 **ercise, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the**
16 **duties, functions and powers conferred on the department by section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

17 **SECTION 5. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
18 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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