

# Senate Bill 218

Sponsored by Senator SMITH DB (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Digest: This Act requires the DEQ to study the impacts of waste from solar or wind energy facilities. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Requires the Department of Environmental Quality to study the impacts of waste from solar or wind renewable energy facilities. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment not later than September 15, 2026.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to renewable energy facility waste.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall study the impact on this**  
5 **state of disposing of waste materials generated by wind or solar renewable energy facilities.**

6 **(2) In conducting the study, the department shall:**

7 **(a) Determine the average useful life of equipment used in wind and solar renewable en-**  
8 **ergy facilities before disposal;**

9 **(b) Identify the volume and type of materials expected to be discarded;**

10 **(c) Identify the size and number of sites needed to dispose of discarded materials;**

11 **(d) Recommend locations for disposal sites;**

12 **(e) Estimate the costs of disposing of discarded materials and evaluate which persons are**  
13 **best suited to cover those costs before a disposal site can be established; and**

14 **(f) Evaluate the risks of short-term and long-term toxic environmental hazards created**  
15 **by disposal sites.**

16 **(3) The department shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and**  
17 **may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative**  
18 **Assembly related to the environment no later than September 15, 2026.**

19 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.**  
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