Requested by Representative OWENS

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3346

- Delete lines 4 through 9 of the printed bill and insert:
- "SECTION 1. (1) On or before November 30, 2026, the Department
- 3 of Land Conservation and Development, in consultation with the De-
- 4 partment of Revenue, State Department of Energy and Water Re-
- 5 sources Department, shall prepare a study of issues regarding the
- 6 small-scale renewable energy facilities sited in areas classified as
- 7 critical ground water areas east of the Cascade Range, including:
- 8 "(a) Options for changes that could be made in legislation, state-
- 9 wide land use planning goals, Land Conservation and Development
- 10 Commission rules, local government comprehensive plans or land use
- 11 regulations to facilitate the approval of facilities by a conditional use
- 12 process, rather than as a goal exception.
- 13 "(b) Changes that could be made in legislation to reduce the prop-
- 14 erty tax burdens for facilities, including reductions to special assess-
- 15 ment disqualification and additional tax liabilities for properties
- 16 converted from farm use.
- "(c) The feasibility of development or investment participation in
- 18 facilities by electric cooperatives.
- 19 "(d) Specific land use siting issues for:
- 20 "(A) Various types of facilities, including solar, wind and
- 21 **geothermal**; and

- "(B) Various generation capacities of facilities, including net metered systems, community solar facilities and facilities generating over two megawatts of energy.
- "(2) On or before November 30, 2026, the Department of Land Conservation and Development shall provide a report to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to land use in the manner provided in ORS 192.245 summarizing the results of the study conducted under this section."