

Energy-Related Bills of Interest to the Renewable Energy Working Group

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Note: This list does not include bills in the Governor's Climate Change Package, or any ODOE/ state agency bills related to energy. That list was provided at the January REWG meeting.

Bills Related to the Renewable Portfolio Standard

HB 2646 (Sponsored by Committee on Revenue)

Expands eligibility for certain forestland special assessments to include certain lands used for intensively managed hardwood timber production. Lengthens rotation cycle for harvesting intensively managed hardwood timber on lands eligible for farm use special assessment from 12 years to 20 years. Would amend the renewable portfolio standard to include energy generated from intensively managed hardwood timber.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/asures/hb2600.dir/hb2646.intro.html>

HB 2896 (Sponsored by Representatives Gilliam, Bailey; Berger, Buckley, Clem, C. Edwards, Esquivel, Galizio, Hanna, Holvey, Huffman, Komp, Kotek, Maurer, Read, Riley, Roblan, Schaufler, Shields, Thompson, Weidner, Whisnant, and Witt)

Allows public utility full cost recovery for hydrogen power station investments. Allows hydrogen power stations using anhydrous ammonia to qualify for renewable portfolio standards.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/asures/hb2800.dir/hb2896.intro.html>

HB 2940 (Sponsored by Representative C. Edwards at the request of Oregon Forest Industries Council)
Allows biomass electricity generating facility to comply with renewable portfolio standard under certain conditions.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/asures/hb2900.dir/hb2940.intro.html>

HB 3461 (Sponsored by Committee on Rules)

Expands list of options available for compliance with renewable portfolio standards to include demand-side management options.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/asures/hb3400.dir/hb3461.intro.html>

SB 585 (Sponsored by Senators Ferrioli; Boquist, George, Girod, Kruse, Morse, Nelson, Starr, Telfer, Whitsett, and Winters)

Allows electricity from certain older generating facilities to be used as qualifying electricity for purpose of compliance with renewable portfolio standard.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/asures/sb0500.dir/sb0585.intro.html>

SB 743 (Sponsored by Committee on Environment and Natural Resources)

Modifies provision related to qualifying electricity for purposes of compliance with renewable portfolio standard to include low-impact hydroelectric facilities.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/asures/sb0700.dir/sb0743.intro.html>

Other Energy Siting-Related Bills

HB 3134 (Sponsored by Committee on Business and Labor)

Requires State Department of Energy to determine locations for certain energy transmission and distribution facilities. Specifies requirements for energy transmission and distribution facility siting process. Establishes Energy Transmission and Distribution Facilities Siting Authority. Specifies duties of authority. Specifies process for review of decisions related to energy transmission and distribution facilities. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measures/hb3100.dir/hb3134.intro.html>

HB 3445 (Sponsored by Committee on Rules at the request of Stephen Kafoury)

Requires energy facilities producing power from wind energy to be sited pursuant to energy facility site certificate without regard to amount of power generated.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measures/hb3400.dir/hb3445.intro.html>

SB 827 (Sponsored by Senator George)

Allows energy facilities and hydroelectric facilities as outright permitted uses in exclusive farm use zones, mixed farm and forest zones and forest zones.

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/09reg/measures/sb0800.dir/sb0827.intro.html>