

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 589

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “organization” insert “; and declaring an
2 emergency”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The State Department of Energy, in consultation with the Public Utility
5 Commission, shall prepare a report identifying the benefits, opportunities and challenges
6 posed by the development or expansion of a regional transmission organization in this state.**

7 **“(2) As part of preparing the report required by this section, the department shall review
8 studies and reports relevant to the development or expansion of a regional transmission or-
9 ganization in this state made available between January 1, 2019, and July 1, 2021, and conduct
10 a literature review of other existing studies and reports pertaining to regional transmission
11 organization development in the western United States.**

12 **“(3) The department shall be advised by an advisory committee in drafting the report.
13 The advisory committee shall, at a minimum, include:**

14 **“(a) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;**

15 **“(b) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House
16 of Representatives;**

17 **“(c) One member of the Public Utility Commission or a designee of the commission;**

18 **“(d) One representative of the Office of the Governor; and**

19 **“(e) The following nine members appointed by the department:**

20 **“(A) Two representatives of investor owned utilities that provide retail energy to cus-
21 tomers in Oregon;**

22 **“(B) One representative of a rural electric cooperative;**

23 **“(C) One representative of a people’s utility district;**

24 **“(D) One representative of a municipal electric utility;**

25 **“(E) One representative of independent power producers;**

26 **“(F) One representative of a nonprofit organization with expertise in markets and
27 transmission;**

28 **“(G) One representative of a labor organization; and**

29 **“(H) One representative of an organization with expertise in environmental and social
30 justice.**

31 **“(4)(a) Upon completion of the reviews required by subsection (2) of this section, the de-
32 partment, in consultation with the Public Utility Commission, shall prepare a summary of
33 the reviews and a set of scoping questions informed by those reviews, to be shared with the
34 advisory committee required under subsection (3) of this section in preparation for advisory
35 committee meetings. The department shall:**

1 “(A) Hold no less than two meetings with the advisory committee to gather advice from
2 the committee on the benefits, opportunities and challenges posed by the development or
3 expansion of a regional transmission organization in this state; and

4 “(B) Gather written responses from advisory committee members to the scoping
5 questions prepared by the department.

6 “(b) In addition to gathering advice from the advisory committee, the department shall,
7 to the extent feasible:

8 “(A) Gather advice from the Bonneville Power Administration and any other relevant
9 state, regional or federal entities; and

10 “(B) Consider any relevant studies, reports, literature or drafts thereof that are made
11 available after July 1, 2021, but before the department finalizes the report required by this
12 section.

13 “(5) The department shall provide the report required by this section to the interim
14 committees of the Legislative Assembly related to energy, in the manner provided in ORS
15 192.245, no later than December 31, 2021. The report shall include the department’s findings
16 from the review required under subsection (2) of this section and a summary of the advice
17 gathered and reviews undertaken by the department pursuant to subsection (4) of this sec-
18 tion. The report may include recommendations for legislation.

19 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2021 Act is repealed on January 2, 2022.

20 “SECTION 3. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect
22 on its passage.”.

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