

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3068

Ordered by the House April 20
Including House Amendments dated April 20

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON

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.

Directs Department of Environmental Quality to conduct study and develop recommendations for legislation to [*encourage transition to cleaner burning woodstoves or other cleaner home heating options*] **reduce woodstove smoke.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to energy source conversion programs; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall conduct a study and de-**
5 **velop recommendations for legislation to reduce woodstove smoke. The study shall evaluate:**

6 (a) **Strategies to reduce woodstove smoke in communities where attainment of the na-**
7 **tional air quality standards prescribed in the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. 7409, is a con-**
8 **cern, including but not limited to:**

9 (A) **Options for transitioning from older, high-polluting woodstoves to cleaner-burning**
10 **home heating alternatives; and**

11 (B) **Options for reducing the cost of using woodstove alternatives for home heating dur-**
12 **ing poor air quality days;**

13 (b) **The use of biomass in home heating;**

14 (c) **Opportunities to develop the production and use of high-quality wood pellet fuel in**
15 **Oregon;**

16 (d) **The role of subsidies to encourage wood pellet use in households; and**

17 (e) **Potential economic and public health effects of woodstove smoke in communities**
18 **where attainment of the national air quality standards prescribed in the federal Clean Air**
19 **Act, 42 U.S.C. 7409, is a concern.**

20 (2) **The Department of Environmental Quality shall form a work group for the purpose**
21 **of conducting the study described in this section. The work group shall include represen-**
22 **tatives from other state agencies, stakeholders, elected officials and other individuals who**
23 **the department determines have expertise that will inform the study. Members of the work**
24 **group shall represent urban and rural communities and different geographic regions of this**
25 **state.**

26 (3) **In conducting the study described in this section, the department shall:**

27 (a) **Collaborate with the State Department of Energy, State Forestry Department, Oregon**

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 **Business Development Department and Public Utility Commission; and**

2 **(b) Consult with members of the public from rural and urban communities, as well as**
3 **different regions of the state, about its preliminary findings and recommendations relating**
4 **to potential strategies to reduce woodstove smoke.**

5 **(4) The department shall submit an initial report on its preliminary findings and recom-**
6 **mendations to a legislative committee related to the environment and natural resources in**
7 **the manner provided under ORS 192.245 during the 2016 regular session of the Seventy-eighth**
8 **Legislative Assembly.**

9 **(5) The department shall submit a final report on the results of the study and recom-**
10 **mendations for legislation or budget requests to the interim committee of the Legislative**
11 **Assembly related to the environment and natural resources in the manner provided under**
12 **ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2016.**

13 **SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2015 Act is repealed on January 2, 2017.**

14 **SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**
15 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect**
16 **on its passage.**

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