

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3068

By COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 Delete lines 4 through 15 of the printed bill and insert:

2 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality shall conduct a study and**
3 **develop recommendations for legislation to reduce woodstove smoke. The study shall evalu-**
4 **ate:**

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

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

10 **“(B) Options for reducing the cost of using woodstove alternatives for home heating**
11 **during poor air quality days;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **“(a) Collaborate with the State Department of Energy, State Forestry Department,**
27 **Oregon Business Development Department and Public Utility Commission; and**

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

31 **“(4) The department shall submit an initial report on its preliminary findings and rec-**
32 **ommendations to a legislative committee related to the environment and natural resources**
33 **in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 during the 2016 regular session of the Seventy-**
34 **eighth Legislative Assembly.**

35 **“(5) The department shall submit a final report on the results of the study and recom-**

1 **mendations for legislation or budget requests to the interim committee of the Legislative**
2 **Assembly related to the environment and natural resources in the manner provided under**
3 **ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2016.”.**

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