SUMMARY

Establishes eligibility for renewable energy certificates for facilities that generate electricity from direct combustion of municipal solid waste and became operational before January 1, 1995, if such facilities register with Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System at any time. Limits eligibility to certain amount of electricity generated, per calendar year, from the combustion of biogenic material.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to direct combustion of municipal solid waste; amending ORS 469A.020 and 469A.031.

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

SECTION 1. ORS 469A.020 is amended to read:

469A.020. (1) Except as provided in this section, electricity may be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard only if the electricity is generated by a facility that becomes operational on or after January 1, 1995.

(2) Electricity from a generating facility, other than a hydroelectric facility, that became operational before January 1, 1995, may be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard if the electricity is attributable to capacity or efficiency upgrades made on or after January 1, 1995.

(3) Electricity from a hydroelectric facility that became operational before January 1, 1995, may be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard if the electricity is attributable to efficiency upgrades made on or after January 1, 1995. If an efficiency upgrade is made to a Bonneville Power Administration facility, only that portion of the electricity generation attributable to Oregon’s share of the electricity may be used to comply with a

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.
renewable portfolio standard.

(4) Subject to the limit imposed by ORS 469A.025 (5), electricity from a hydroelectric facility that became operational before January 1, 1995, may be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard if the facility is certified as a low-impact hydroelectric facility on or after January 1, 1995, by a national certification organization recognized by the State Department of Energy by rule, and if the facility is either:

(a) Owned by an electric utility; or
(b) Not owned by an electric utility and located in Oregon and licensed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791a et seq., or exempt from such license.

(5) Electricity from a generating facility located in this state that uses biomass and that became operational before January 1, 1995, may be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard if the facility meets the requirements of the federal Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-617) on March 4, 2010.

(6) Electricity from a generating facility located in this state that generates electricity from direct combustion of municipal solid waste and that became operational before January 1, 1995, may be used to comply with a renewable portfolio standard for up to \[11 \text{ average megawatts of electricity generated per calendar year}\] a quantity of electricity per calendar year that is equal to the product of the total electricity generated by the facility in the calendar year, not to exceed 96,360 megawatt-hours, multiplied by the percentage of municipal solid waste directly combusted at the facility in the calendar year that is biogenic material.

SECTION 2. ORS 469A.031 is amended to read:

469A.031. Notwithstanding ORS 469A.029, a facility described in either ORS 469A.020 (5) or (6) is eligible for renewable energy certificates if the owner or operator of the generating facility registered the generating facility with the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System on or after January 1, 2011.