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Clean Energy

- **Establish the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority:** Establishes a State Authority to accelerate expansion of electricity transmission capacity. Rep. Gamba.
- **Plug-In Solar:** Allows simple, inexpensive, plug-in solar systems (aka balcony solar) that do not require permission or fees from utilities and are certifiably safe to use, to "plug-in" to reduce electricity bills and, with batteries, to provide resilience during power outages. Rep. McDonald.
- **Community-Based Power:** Requires electrical utilities to develop a program that will allow small sources of electricity generation and storage to join and be compensated. Sen. Neron Misslin.
- **Inclusive Utility Investment:** Investor-Owned Utilities to provide loans for energy efficiency and strategic electrification without burden to the General Fund or ratepayers on a pilot basis. Sen. Neron Misslin.
- **Community Solar Program Participation:** Allows a small solar project (20 MWatts or less) to participate in the community solar program previously established.
- **Local Energy Permitting Flexibility:** Allows cities to require more energy-efficient building codes. Rep. Gamba.
- **Local Transmission Permitting Flexibility:** Allows transmission infrastructure projects to optionally choose the EFSC process or the local permitting process. Rep. Gamba.
- **NextGen Highways:** Enables state & county highways Right of Ways to be more easily used for transmission development. Rep. Andersen.

Transportation

- **Transportation Funding Omnibus:** Placeholder.
- **CEI Hub Fuel Tank Seismic Stability (FTSS) Program Expansion:** Expands the FTSS to include fuel storage tanks larger than 10,000 gallons and extend the program to all Oregon counties. Rep. Tran.
- **Multifamily building EVs:** Requires new multifamily construction to have EV chargers. Rep. Gamba.
- **VMT Analysis:** Requires estimate of impact of highway projects on vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and mitigation if a project is predicted to increase VMT. Rep. Gamba.

Forestry & Natural Lands

- **Early Timber Harvest Tax** - Establishes an early harvest fee for large timber owners who cut trees before maturity. Funds targeted to wildfire prevention and response, and watershed restoration. Sen. Prozanski.

General

- **Data Center Omnibus:** Requires self-generated clean energy, battery backup systems, no tax exemptions, best available tech and a community benefit agreement protecting health, environment, water and land use. Rep. Gamba.
- **Data Center Moratorium** - Pauses on data centers (5MW or larger) for 3 years. Covers outline of regulations for use of renewable energy, prioritizes water and power for public use, and sets standards for noise, light, water and air pollution. Rep. Muñoz.
- **Cap & Invest:** Placeholder.
- **Climate Resilience Superfund:** Requires large fossil fuel companies to pay retroactive damages caused by anthropogenic climate change. Rep. Andersen.
- **Climate as a Land Use Priority:** Modernizes the Land Use process to include climate, clean energy and transmission projects on equal footing with other Oregon values. Rep. Gamba.
- **Climate as a Land Use Formal Goal:** Add climate as a new Goal 20 on the Oregon Land Use Principles.
- **Task Force on Public Financing Options:** Creats of a Task Force to study and make recommendations concerning the establishment of public financing options. Rep. Gamba.
- **Right to a Healthy Environment:** Creates a House resolution to send a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the fundamental right to a safe, clean and healthy environment to voters. Rep. Gamba.
- **Right to Cooling:** Advances the right to cooling (the right for heating already exists) for renters, new construction and Energy Trust of Oregon customers. Rep. Marsh.