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Bill Number:	S. 0332	Introduced on January 8, 2019
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Subject:	Clean Energy Access Act	
Requestor:	Senate Judiciary	
RFA Analyst(s):	Gallagher	
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Fiscal Impact Summary

The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon further analysis and discussion with the Public Service Commission (PSC) and the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS).

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

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State Expenditure

This bill establishes the Clean Energy Access Act and defines certain rights for customers of an electrical utility. It provides that an electrical utility will make net energy metering available to customer-generators and provides for a successor net energy metering tariff. This bill removes the solar leasing cap. This bill mandates review and approval proceedings by PSC for electrical utilities, establishes voluntary renewable energy programs, and provides for neighborhood community solar program plans. This bill allows for integrated resource plans to provide for the evaluation of the adoption of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and demand response, as well as to introduce certain reporting requirements. The bill requires a procurement process overseen by an independent evaluator chosen by ORS prior to the construction of a major utility facility. The bill includes any independent power producer that is proposing an alternative to the major utility facility as a party to a certification proceeding. It provides that PSC will promulgate standards for the interconnection of renewable energy facilities and other nonutility-owned generation to an electrical utility's distribution and transmission system. The bill provides certain requirements for interconnection standards and provides for the resolution of disputes.

Public Service Commission. PSC is tasked with conducting periodic hearings to review and approve electrical utilities' avoided cost methodologies, standard offers, form contracts, and commitment to sell forms. Furthermore, PSC is required to promulgate interconnection standards. The expenditure impact is pending, contingent upon further analysis and discussion with PSC.

Office of Regulatory Staff. ORS is tasked with choosing an independent evaluator to oversee the procurement process for the building of major utility facilities. The expenditure impact of this bill is pending, contingent upon further analysis and discussion with ORS.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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