



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing: Consideration of extending the Deschutes County Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Following the public hearing, approve Resolution No. 2025-027 extending the Deschutes County Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone to expire on June 30, 2036.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

On December 15, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 2014-134 which led to Business Oregon creating a Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone in Deschutes County.

Rural Renewable Energy Development Zones offer a tax exemption incentive to encourage new investments in renewable energy. The incentive is a 100 percent (full) exemption from the property taxes normally assessed for the first 3-5 years of project operation. The zone encompasses the entire territory of Deschutes County, except for property inside the urban growth boundary as acknowledged for the City of Bend.

The existing Deschutes County Rural Renewable Energy Development Zone expires on June 30, 2025. If renewed, the new expiration date would be June 30, 2036.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Foregone property tax revenue during the approval period to be determined on a case-by-case basis.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Erik Kropp, Deputy County Administrator

Patricia Lucas, Executive Director, Sunriver La Pine Economic Development