



"The Power of Community"

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Representative Jules Bailey, Chair  
House Committee on Energy & Environment  
900 Court St., NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Chairman Bailey,

House Bill 4126, with the -3 amendments, represents a consensus reached after a robust and deliberative set of negotiations over several months. Participants included:

- Office of Governor John Kitzhaber, MD
- Umatilla Electric Cooperative
- Central Electric Cooperative
- Renewable Northwest Project
- Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
- PacifiCorp
- Portland General Electric
- Eugene Water & Electric Board
- Idaho Power
- NW Energy Coalition
- Association of Oregon Counties
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Public Utilities Commission
- Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association

The Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association (ORECA) supports the language contained in House Bill 4126, with the adoption of the -3 amendments.

The bill, amendment and agreements between parties outside of the legislation will:

1. Address concerns raised about the application of the RPS to certain utilities in the face of unforeseen energy demands in their jurisdictions,
2. Allow, following PUC review and approval, additional flexibility for the sale of green power to certain customers by investor owned utilities under existing statutory authority; and
3. Alleviate efforts to change the renewable portfolio stand beyond the scope of what is contained in the amended legislation.

ORECA respectfully requests passage of House Bill 4126, with the -3 amendments, from the House Committee on Energy & Environment with a "Do-Pass Recommendation."

Best Regards,

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Executive Director