

HB 2745 – Extension of the Solar Pilot Program

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4.86 kW system, installed by local solar company, Imagine Energy.

\$0.39 kWhr rate with our utility, Pacific Power

We highly value clean, renewable energy, for the benefits it brings to our lungs, to our environment, to our lives. For us, solar energy was the appropriate investment for our own home, an 1896 working class house in the Montavilla neighborhood of Portland. We were well aware of the lease options but we wanted to be producers, contributing the most possible to a clean energy grid. We also highly value supporting the local and regional economy. We contracted with Imagine Energy, an independently owned company, based in Portland and selected Solar World panels, manufactured in Hillsboro.

Producing energy at our home means providing clean energy in our neighborhood, in our city. We produce more than we need, during the day. What we don't use goes to our neighbors, therefore reducing our impact on the grid.

The Solar Pilot Program provides a fair compensation for our investment as energy producers. We took on the burden of investing our own savings for the installation and ongoing maintenance of this system. The opportunity to enroll in the program at \$0.39 kWh, for our 4.86kW system, allows us to have a return on our investment in an estimated 8 years, a reasonable compensation in a reasonable time. And in doing so, we are keeping the money LOCAL and the energy local. Both of these efforts contribute to increasing resiliency for our entire community.