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**From:** Ralph G Hughes [<mailto:ralph@oregonseaside.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2015 7:26 PM  
**To:** Rep Helm  
**Cc:** Patrino Beth  
**Subject:** HB 2216

Dear Representative Helm,

As a Financial Advisor in Tigard, I am concerned about subsidizing any project or business of any kind.

As a PGE utility customer, I am worried about having businesses of all sizes being impacted by higher costs from having to buy the power generated from any experimental project provided by the Outer Continental Shelf Renewable Energy Lease program.

My understanding is that the cost of offshore wind energy is 4 to 5 times more than conventional land based wind power. How is this justified? Certainly not by passing it on to us. Oregon businesses are having enough trouble competing on a regional and worldwide basis without being saddled with additional manufacturing costs and even the ability to keep the lights on due to an unnecessary electricity cost that can be avoided.

If it is true that the HB 2216 only includes PGE and Pacific Power, but not any other utility in Oregon, that is reason enough not to have this bill go forward. Certainly there is a time and place for citizens to make their own choice of paying higher prices for "green" energy. Whenever that time is, it must be just that, our decision.

Thanks for doing what you can to stop this poorly thought out bill.

Sincerely,



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