2016 Oregon Energy Bill (House Bill 4036) Resolution

WHEREAS: House Bill 4036 has been approved by the Oregon House of Representatives and is currently headed for the Oregon State Senate. A key component of this bill requires that 50% of the utility customers' loads to be served by renewable energy by 2040; and

WHEREAS: House Bill 4036 will force Oregonians to purchase expensive less reliable renewable energy generating capacity; and

WHEREAS: Oregon & the Pacific Northwest have access to one of the most cost effective, pollution free sources of energy in the country, hydro-electric, which is not considered renewable power in Oregon; and

WHEREAS: The Public Utility Commission has tried to voice its concerns about House Bill 4036 and has been muzzled by the governor's office; therefore be it

RESOLVED: Because House Bill 4036 will result in no emission reductions and higher rates for Oregon customers, we request the Oregon State Senate defeat this bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: Hydro-electric power should be recognized as a renewable energy source in the state of Oregon, as our bordering states do; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Public Utility Commission must have significant input in Oregon energy planning.

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