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# Editorial Boards Speaking Out On HB 4036

## The Register-Guard

[A] win for all sides.... Oregon imports electricity from 11 coal-fired plants elsewhere in the West. So the decision to eliminate a nonrenewable source of energy while lowering carbon emissions is an important one, and burnishes Oregon's reputation as a state that places a high value on environmental protection — and backs it up with action.

The agreement also includes protections for customers of PGE and Pacific Power, a key requirement in a state where many still struggle financially.



## THE Daily Astorian

THE COLUMBIA-PACIFIC REGION'S NEWS SOURCE SINCE 1873

Astoria, Ore. -- Most Oregonians get it: The age of coal is over. Nations, states and companies that don't immediately begin a serious transition to non-coal electricity will face a steep upward curve in costs, which will be passed along to consumers and future generations.

## Portland Tribune

A compromise reached last week between environmentalists and major Portland utility companies is significant for two reasons: It potentially avoids a costly ballot measure battle this fall, and it could put Oregon on a reasonable path to reduce its reliance on coal.

The deal also shows how Oregonians of goodwill can solve problems through negotiation and conciliation, rather than settling their differences through expensive ballot measure campaigns.

## PORTLAND BUSINESS JOURNAL

This plan delivers goals that are acceptable not only to the environmental groups and utilities that crafted it, but to a wide swath of Oregonians who in polls have shown a preference for renewable energy.