

Editorial Boards Speaking Out On SB 1547-B The Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Bill

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.

SOUTHERN OREGON'S NEWS SOURCE

Mail Tribune

This bill seeks to take advantage of a recent move by Congress that extends a 30-percent tax credit for renewable energy projects that start within five years. Utility officials say that discount along with the declining cost of renewable power in general, means the cost to ratepayers should be negligible.



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

It will protect the vast majority of the two customers even as coal-generated energy is eliminated from Oregon's mix of power supplies.



Oregon want state to kiss coal goodbye

Coal is such a dirty, outdated form of energy that it has done the almost impossible: united major utilities, consumers, businesses and environmentalists in Oregon.

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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.

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