

House Committee On Rules May 18, 2017

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, “photovoltaic solar power generation facility” means an assembly of equipment and components that has the primary purpose of converting sunlight into electricity by photovoltaic effect and has the capability of storing or transferring the electricity. (2) A photovoltaic solar power generation facility may be established on land that is high-value farmland, as defined in ORS 195.300

***The high desert of Oregon is located in the central and southeastern part of the state. It covers approximately 24,000 square miles (62,000 km<sup>2</sup>), extending approximately 200 miles (320 km) from central Oregon east to the Idaho border and 130 miles (210 km) from central Oregon to the Nevada border to the south.<sup>[1]</sup>Most of the region is located in Crook, Deschutes, Harney, Lake, and Malheur counties***

*Use the 24,000 square miles of high desert to generate solar electricity.  
PPL currently has programs that are on line using solar powered electricity.  
PGE was also stated that solar powered electricity could be brought into the grid.*

*Respectfully,*

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