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**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2017  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 2111 A: Support, but should be un-amended**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which prohibits inclusion of provisions prohibiting installation and use of solar panels for obtaining solar access in declaration or bylaws of planned community.

But the -1 amendment weaken the bill by allowing homeowners associations to impose "reasonable size, placement or aesthetic requirements for the installtion of use of solar panels." Who decides what is reasonable and what is "aesthetic"? Apparently the homeowners association will be the decider, open to contradiction only by lawsuit.

The Earth is starting to burn. We cannot afford to forbid solar panels because someone does not like how they look.

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