

**Please vote no on SB1519 and SB1537**

I am writing to you today to encourage a no vote on SB1519 and SB1537. This bill creates Oregon Energy Commission as policy and rulemaking body for State Department of Energy and required to develop a statewide strategic energy plan. Modifies, transfers or repeals certain energy programs. (Same as SB 1537. HB 4148 also establishes the Oregon Energy Board as an advisory body)

My biggest concern is the unnecessary growth of government and places authority of the State Department of Energy under a commission that isn't accountable to anyone. To allow a commission to make laws by rule as to how they will administer laws they and the department are charged with without being accountable to anyone does not seem like the best way to determine policy.

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