

Republicans and Democrats should join together in support of SB 1530 and HB 4167 to pave the way for expanded economic development throughout our state.

We are uniquely positioned to benefit from new in-state renewable industries. Our advantages compared to most other states:

- Large, clean hydroelectric capacity for data farms, battery storage plants, carbon cleansing plants
- Unequaled capacity for additional forestation without threat to current timber and pulp footprint
- Vast nearly uninhabited high sun lands perfect for huge solar arrays and smart grid line placements
- High volume offshore winds that are good candidates for mobile offshore wind farms
- High perennial wind current capacity through river gorges
- Several rapidly growing metro regions that are demanding energy efficiency retrofits and new construction.
- An already built technological sector and startup economy just awaiting green sector investment.

Our proximity and potential partnering with carbon markets and technical innovations in California and Washington place us perfectly to benefit from the next ten years throughout all areas of the state and particularly could help to build new value and jobs in rural Oregon.

These bills have extraordinary new protections for those parts of our state that felt most at risk in prior legislation.

Let's adopt early and get moving.

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