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Update on HB 2021 Implementation

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OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Leading Oregon to a safe, equitable, clean, and sustainable energy future.

Our Mission

The Oregon Department of Energy helps Oregonians make informed decisions and maintain a resilient and affordable energy system. We advance solutions to shape an equitable clean energy transition, protect the environment and public health, and responsibly balance energy needs and impacts for current and future generations.

What We Do

On behalf of Oregonians across the state, the Oregon Department of Energy achieves its mission by providing:

- A Central Repository of Energy Data, Information, and Analysis
- A Venue for Problem-Solving Oregon's Energy Challenges
- Energy Education and Technical Assistance
- Regulation and Oversight
- Energy Programs and Activities

What HB 2021 Does

- 100% zero-emissions electricity for Oregon's two largest utilities by 2040
- Increase in small-scale renewables requirement (from 8% to 10%)
- Equity focus: environmental justice communities, clean energy plans, community benefits and impacts advisory group, labor standards
- Small-scale Renewables Study, Community Renewable Energy Grant incentive program, green tariff, labor standards, and much more



Our Agency Assignments

- Responsible Labor Standards
- No New Fossil-Fuel Power Plants
- Community Renewable Energy Grant Program
- Small-Scale Renewable Energy Study



RESPONSIBLE LABOR STANDARDS

HB 2021 requires developers of renewable electricity projects greater than 10 megawatts to adhere to labor standards; HB 4059 made some modest changes

Developers must attest via an ODOE webpage that all contractors and subcontractors will:

- Participate in apprenticeship programs
- Adopt plans and policies for:
 - Equitable hiring practices
 - Preventing workplace harassment and discrimination
 - Promoting workplace DEI
- Maintain licenses and good standing
- Require that all contractors and subcontractors pay prevailing wages and provide health and retirement benefits to employees

NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL POWER PLANTS

HB 2021 prevents the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) from permitting new fossil fuel power plants

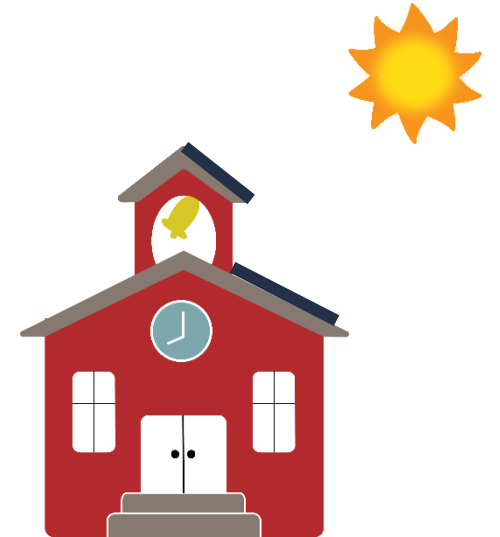
Current EFSC rulemaking is working toward a definition of *significant* in response to the HB 2021 provision that prevents amending site certificates of existing fossil fuel power plants that would lead to a *significant* increase in gross CO2 emissions.

More information: [EFSC Rulemaking Webpage](#)

COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANT PROGRAM

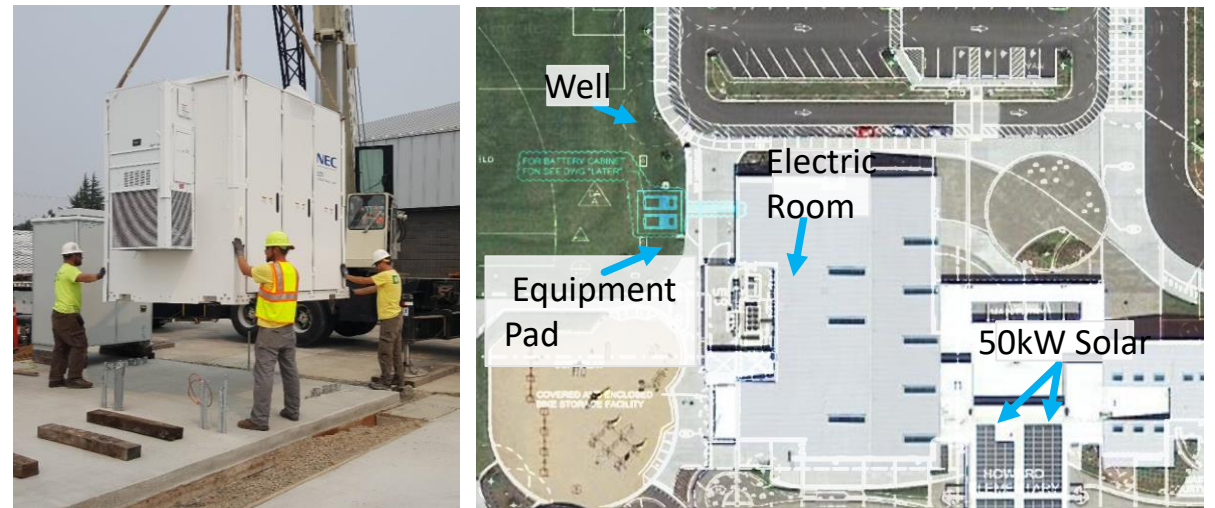
HB 2021 Establishes the Community Renewable Energy Grant Program to:

- Offset costs of planning and developing community renewable energy projects
- Support projects in traditionally underserved communities
- Promote small-scale community renewable energy projects
- Provide direct benefits to communities across Oregon by improving energy resilience, creating local jobs, promoting economic development, and reducing local energy costs



Applicant Eligibility

- Tribes
- Counties
- Municipalities
- Special government bodies such as ports and irrigation districts
- Consumer-Owned Utilities
- Outside Portland



Grid Edge Demonstration Project in Eugene
Photos courtesy of Eugene Water and Electric Board

GRANTS TO OREGON COMMUNITIES

PROJECT CATEGORY	MAXIMUM GRANT AWARD	MAXIMUM % OF COST
Planning, Energy Resilience	\$100,000	100%
Planning, Renewable Energy Only	\$100,000	100%
Construction, Energy Resilience	\$1,000,000	100%
Construction, Renewable Energy Only	\$1,000,000	50%

First round of opportunity announcements were posted in March 2022. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will include performance agreements and time limits for completing projects.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

- 50 percent or more for grants to be awarded for planning or developing community renewable energy projects that qualify as **community energy resilience projects**.
- 50 percent or more for grants to be awarded for planning or developing community renewable energy projects that primarily serve **one or more environmental justice communities**.

Program Timeline

2021

Summer. Assigned ODOE staff and developed implementation plan.

September. Established Advisory Committee.

Fall. Developed draft rules, staff recruitment

2022

January. Program rules adopted; program manager on board.

January – May. Community outreach.

March 4. Opportunity Announcements posted.

May 23. Application portal opened; first round reviews starting July 8



STUDY OF SMALL-SCALE RENEWABLE PROJECTS

HB 2021 directs ODOE to convene a work group-led study on small-scale and community-based renewables.

[HB 2021](#) requires the study to cover:

- Barriers to project development
- Potential economic and resilience benefits
- Access and ownership opportunities
- Potential rate impacts
- Potential legislation to encourage small-scale renewables

Wind



Solar



Geothermal



Biomass / Biogas



Marine Hydrokinetic
(Wave)



Certain Hydropower



Renewable Hydrogen



STUDY WORK GROUP SCHEDULE

Workshop #1 – April 28, 2022

Focus: Ownership and Access



Workshop #2 – June 3, 2022

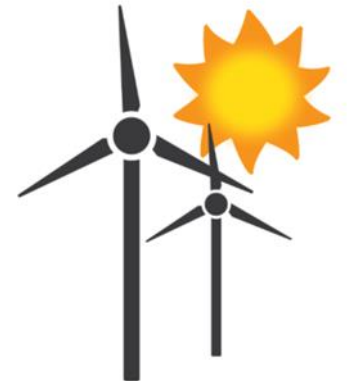
Focus: Opportunities and Barriers

Workshop #3 – June 28, 2022

Focus: Economic, Resilience, and Other Costs and Benefits

Workshop #4 – July 28, 2022

Focus: Project Recap and Possible Recommendations





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Questions/Comments?

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