

HB 2021 The Oregon House Committee on Energy & Environment, Oregon's 100% Clean Energy for All Bill, March 22, 2021

My name is Robin Bloomgarden and I am speaking as a citizen of this great state. I fully support this bill.

What this Bill will do:

Oregon's 100% Clean Energy for All Bill will require all of Oregon's electricity to come from clean energy, like wind and solar, by 2040.

This bill must pass with critical labor standards to ensure new jobs in clean energy are well paid and include benefits while also incentivizing community-based projects that increase energy independence, affordability, and disaster resilience across Oregon.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, devastating wildfires, and widespread unemployment, there's never been a more important time for energy policy that helps Oregonians recover and build back even stronger than before. The 100% Clean Energy for All Bill will create economic opportunities in communities across Oregon.

Why now?

The Governor has expressed the need to begin creating a carbon-free economy, and this is one more tool to get us there, fast! Clean energy can create opportunities in every community across Oregon. New projects can create good jobs and local economic and resiliency benefits. But the potential for clean energy projects has not been fully realized or felt equally across the state.

Re: The HB 2021-1 Amendment

I believe Sen Beyer on 3-17-21 was not looking at the bigger picture when he stated that all the energy farms would probably be located in Eastern Oregon where "the space is". The bigger picture is that IF cities and towns started putting up solar and wind on their already Built Environments, they will be that much closer to not needing as much long line transmission overall! Please think along these lines, because otherwise you are just promoting massive building projects for the Big Boys, with the attendant high costs to consumers.

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