

HB 2021 should be a strong bill that puts utilities, especially electric utilities, on a timeline towards 100% clean, renewable energy. Clean electricity is our best chance of Oregon reaching the scientific greenhouse gas reduction goals which is why we are moving vehicles from petroleum to (clean) electric and moving other needs to electric (such as heat by heat pumps). Electric needs to move faster than all the other sectors for us to make it, so the time line should show 2030 (rather than 2035) so all sectors can be on target by 2050.

The Public Utility Commission can address the need for transmission lines and the increased ability of utilities to make investments and to work with homeowner installations.