

15 March 2023

House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Re: House Bill 3004

Dear Chair Representative Marsh, Vice-Chairs Representatives B. Levy and E. Levy, and members of the Committee;

As submitted, SECTION 1. of HB 3004 requires The State Department of Energy to submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245.

ORS 192.245 states, “the requirement shall be met by distribution of an executive summary of no more than two pages sent to every member of the Legislative Assembly by electronic mail and one copy of the report to the Legislative Administrator.” Wow.... two whole pages!

ORS 192.245 certainly goes a long ways towards explaining why so much of the states *green energy* policies boarder on fantasy.

How does one distill the results of a comprehensive study, including cost analysis as well as results from pilot projects already working down to merely two pages? By disregarding information is my guess. But the easy answer is that it cannot. And for the State Department of Energy to attempt such a feat is ludicrous.

For any interim legislative committee to make an informed decision on how the state is going to regulate energy resource development requires much more information than can be squeezed on to two pages. Even single spaced.

At the least, the wording of the bill needs to eliminate the reference to ORS 192.245 and simply state something along the lines of a comprehensive report showing both pros and cons.

Sincerely,

  
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