

My husband and I **Strongly Oppose** HB 3152.

We fail to understand why any intelligent, responsible, practical, well-informed (not swayed by trends), caring governing body would knowingly replace cheap, reliable energy sources, such as natural gas, with more expensive, less reliable sources, further sabotaging our economy and the well being of Oregon citizens!

In Tigard, we regularly experience two to three electrical outages every year. Fortunately, our heating is with natural gas and we wish we had a gas stove as it is much better for cooking as good restaurants and millions of household cooks round the world know.

Wind, solar and hydro power cannot produce enough electricity to support a healthy economy or society as we are witnessing around the country and the world. We should be thankful for and learning from the mistakes of California and Texas with their rolling blackouts and freezing temperatures due to their decisions to massively reduce their reliance on natural gas and oil.

In December 2022, CNBC declared that California and the Midwest face 'high risk' of electrical shortages in the next five years. The electrical grid is pushed to the breaking point.

Let us also learn from Europe which is backing off its reliance on and investment in (declining since Q1 of 2021) wind energy as it is proving costly and unreliable to meet their energy needs.

In 2022, the European Union voted to include natural gas as a "green" or "sustainable" source of energy. Perhaps we should do this also to appease the virtue signaling needs of our society.

Thank you for your consideration of this perspective and vote NO on HB 3152.