



Oregon State Legislature
House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2816, Relating to high energy use facilities

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the more than 74,000 members and supporters of the Oregon Chapter Sierra Club, we are writing in support of HB 2816. This bill will hold cryptocurrency mining facilities and data centers to the same timeline for achieving carbon-free power that Oregon has adopted for most of the state when it passed HB 2021 two years ago. These facilities represent some of the most energy intensive users in the state and should be included in accountability for Oregon's climate goals. Please pass this bill and close the loophole to hold these facilities accountable.

Pertaining to the "-3" amendment:

- We are strongly opposed to exempting any high energy use facility regardless of when operations began and oppose the language to allow if operations began prior to 1/1/2024.
- We however do support the prohibition against using Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for high energy facilities that utilize fossil fuels to generate their own electricity. Please close this loophole and prevent fossil fuels from continuing to negatively impact local emissions in our communities.
- For RECs used for electricity sourced from local utilities, we strongly encourage the adoption of a timeline so that the use of RECs for the purpose of high energy facilities are permanently phased out by 2030 or 2035 at the latest.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Dix, Chair
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