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By taking this step, Oregon can demonstrate a commitment to preserving and enhancing the dark sky environment. Light pollution is well documented as being deleterious to almost everything of value, from enjoyment of the nightscape to astronomical research to wildlife health to safety, and now to human health as well. Plus it's wasteful. By taking this action, the state can possibly begin to motivate other entities to do likewise, and maybe, just maybe, we can reduce this overall problem bit by bit. It's an easy pollution problem to solve; every act to reduce unnecessary wasteful and even dangerous artificial light reduces that problem incrementally at the speed of light.