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OPPOSE 1581

Senate Bill 1581, although claiming to enhance transparency in the energy sector, brings about significant drawbacks. The mandatory reporting requirements burden investor-owned utilities, imposing onerous obligations without clear benefits. The annual reporting mandate, coupled with vague language, adds bureaucratic hurdles, diverting resources from actual energy market participation. The bill's reliance on megawatt-hour thresholds oversimplifies the complex dynamics of the energy industry, potentially penalizing utilities for factors beyond their control. Moreover, the sunset provision raises questions about the bill's long-term effectiveness. Instead of fostering genuine engagement in regional energy markets, SB 1581 risks becoming a compliance exercise, hindering economic efficiency and innovation in Oregon's energy landscape.