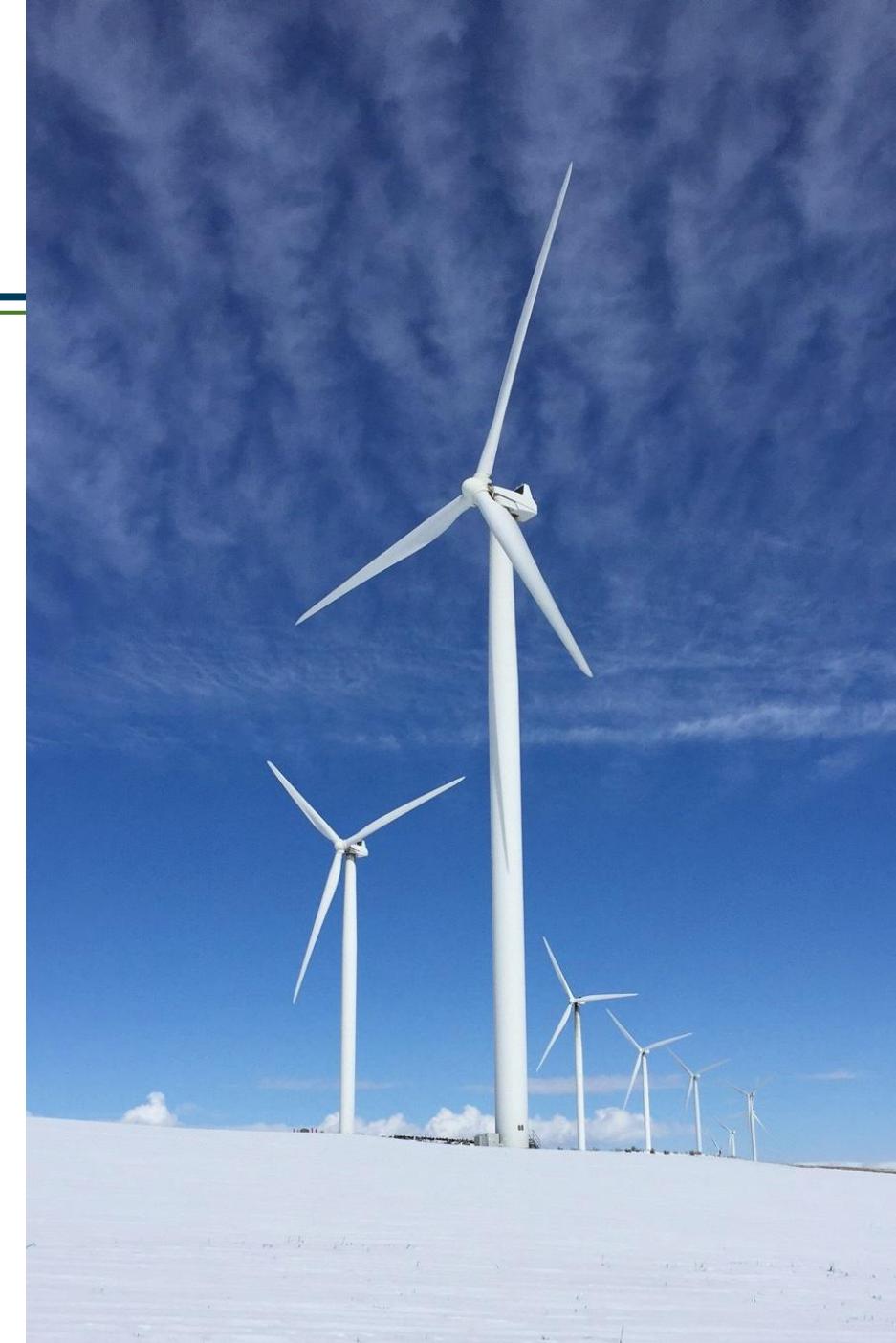


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Oregon Energy Strategy

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Legislative Guidance – HB 3630

Develop a comprehensive, economy-wide, and statewide energy strategy that:

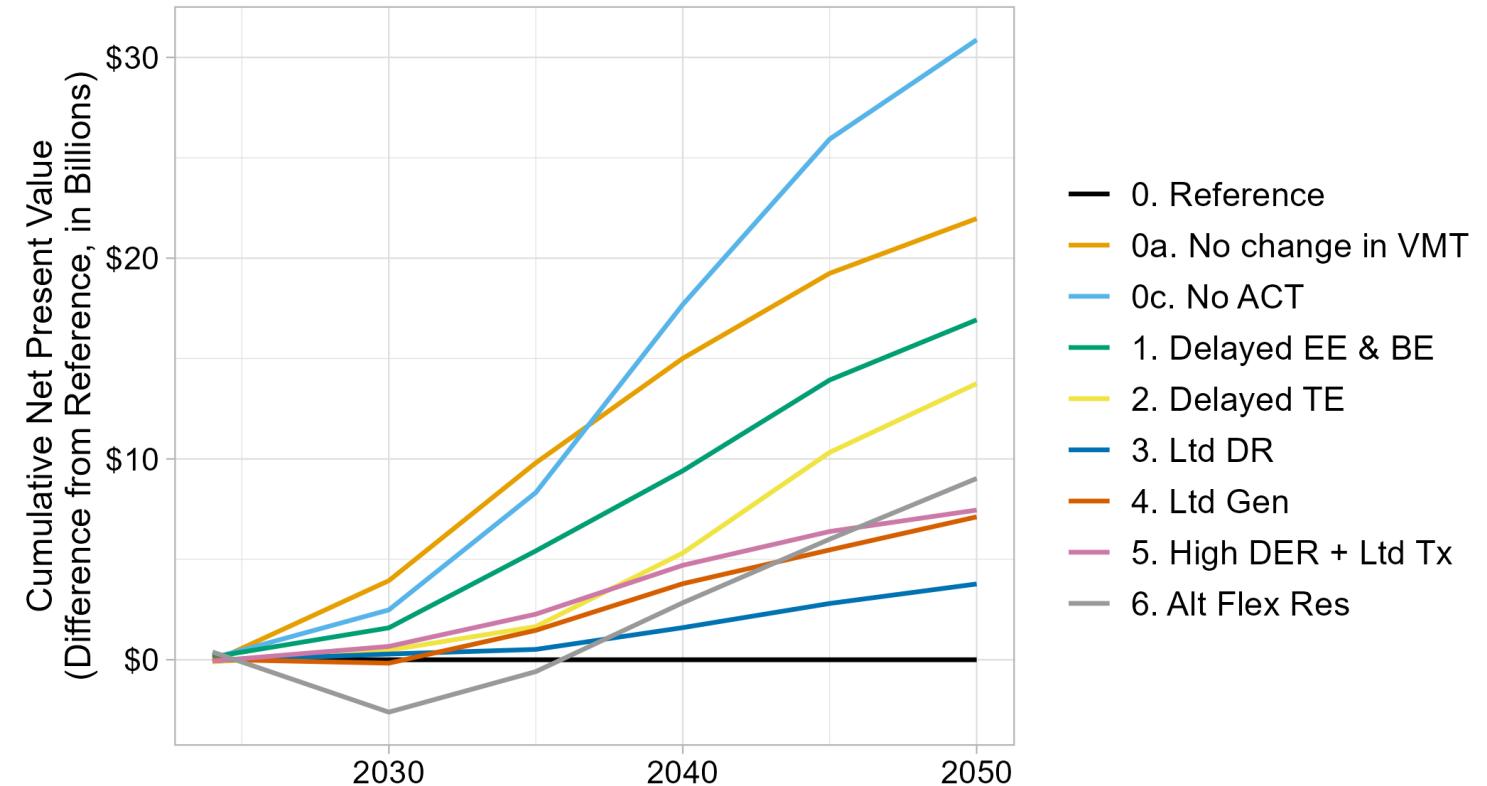
- Identifies pathways to achieve the state's current energy policy objectives
- Recommends legislation or changes to policy
- Is developed through robust engagement



Least-cost Pathway

The Reference Scenario from the model was the least-cost pathway to meet our energy and climate objectives.

Other pathways modeled cost more.

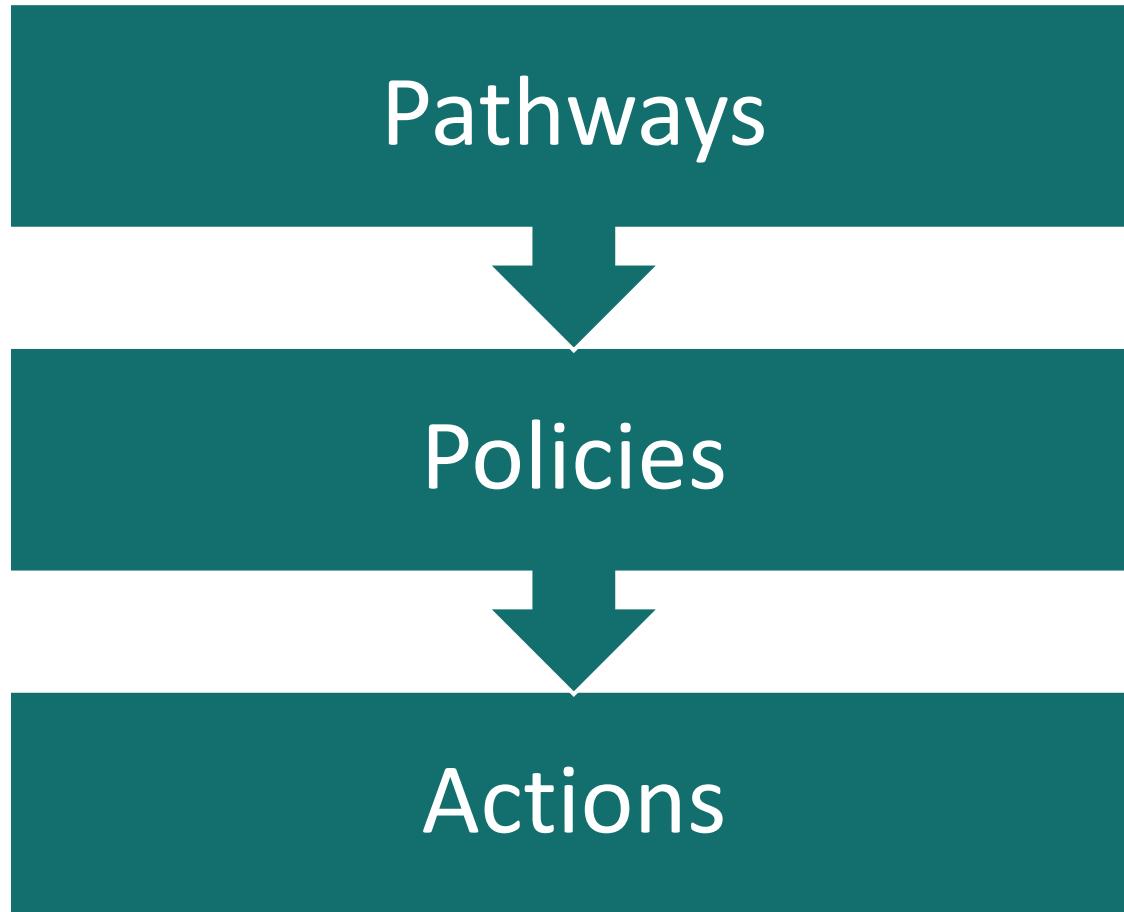


Engagement

- ▶ Tribal engagement
- ▶ Inter-Agency Steering Group
- ▶ Advisory Group
- ▶ Technical working groups
- ▶ Policy working groups
- ▶ Webinar info sessions
- ▶ Listening sessions
- ▶ Written comment periods and open portal



The Oregon Energy Strategy



Five Pathways to Guide Oregon

-  **1. Energy Efficiency.** Advance energy efficiency across buildings, industry, and transportation sectors, including by expanding access to and appeal of multimodal transportation options, to deliver the benefits of a more efficient energy system.
-  **2. Clean Electricity.** Secure reliable, affordable, and clean electricity by expanding the electricity system and incorporating load flexibility.
-  **3. Electrification.** Increase electrification of end uses across transportation, buildings, and industry, while safeguarding reliability, promoting affordability, and maximizing opportunities to use load flexibility as a resource.
-  **4. Low-Carbon Fuels.** Advance the use of low-carbon fuels in the hardest-to-electrify end uses and to maintain a reliable electric grid.
-  **5. Resilience.** Strengthen resilience across all levels of the energy system, including utilities, communities, and customers, enhancing Oregon's ability to adapt to climate change and mitigate other risks.

Implementation of each pathway must consider burdens and benefits to environmental justice communities and apply an equity lens to prevent further disproportionate impacts to historically and currently marginalized communities.

Implementing The Energy Strategy

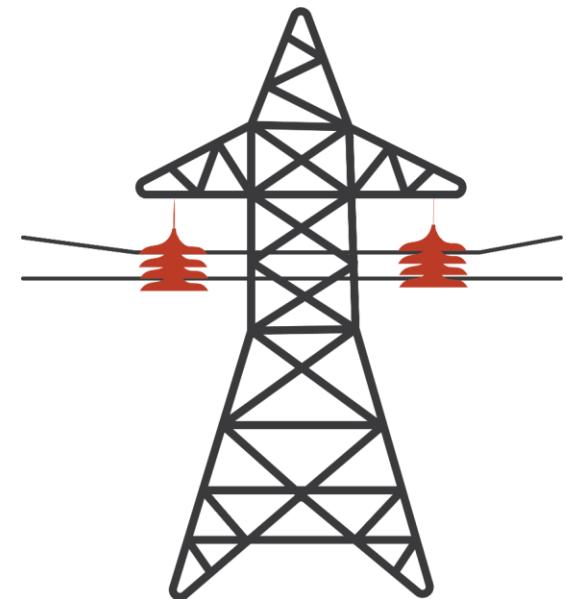
Near-term Priority Areas

- Reliability and resilience
- Affordability and access to clean technologies
- Minimal impact on state budget



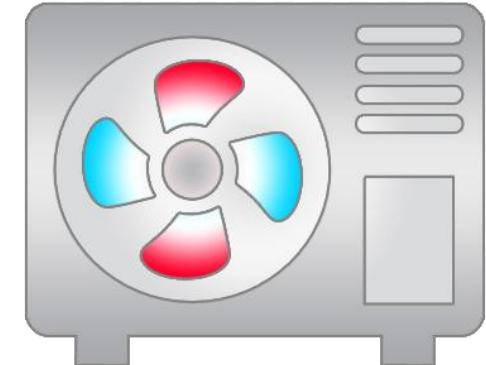
Reliability and Resilience

- ✓ Review of balanced wildfire utility liability solutions to enable utility accountability and customer cost containment.
- ✓ Review near-term transmission needs, identify opportunities for state to support transmission, inform transmission entity.
- ✓ Prioritize measures that reduce strain on the grid (EE, PV, demand flexibility).
- ✓ Expand energy infrastructure resilience programs.
- ✓ Facilitate sharing of data and joint planning – electricity and gas.



Affordability and Access

- ✓ Establish and identify funding for a **revolving loan fund** for low- and no-cost loans.
- ✓ Prioritize existing incentive programs – essential **energy efficiency and weatherization** in low- and moderate- income households.
- ✓ Earmark flexible funding for **structural maintenance** (roof, walls, electrical) to enable weatherization improvements.
- ✓ Update energy efficiency and demand response programs to promote **strategic electrification**.





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Thank you!

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