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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 2656  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2656

I OPPOSE [HB 2656].

Review: [ <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/utilities/pages/energy-grid-modernization.aspx> ]

From the TEXT of [HB 2656], "...(6)(a) The commission, for a public utility, or the governing body, for a municipal electric utility, electric cooperative or people's utility district, may not set a maximum amount of cumulative generating capacity of solar net metering systems that is allowed to be interconnected....]

"NET METERING" at this time, should be avoided.

\*\*\*Could net metering increase the possibility of fire? If 'distribution systems' become overloaded by net metering, could there be a 'power surge' on the distribution system causing an explosion of transformers resulting in the creation of fire? Who would be liable for damages?

"Net Metering" will raise electrical costs for the 'Non-metered' consumer. Non-metered customers will be 'subsidizing' the Net metered customers. Removing the 'cap' will remove cost protections customers have under current municipal electrical utilities.

Net metering also has significant maintenance costs (batteries wear-out, solar panels require cleaning and replacement). Are batteries and solar panels 100% recyclable?

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