

Submitter: Donna Bleiler
On Behalf Of: Citizens for compliance
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4031

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 4031 AS BEING OUT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW.

On July 7, 2025, President Trump issued an executive order directing the Treasury Department to strictly enforce the termination of solar and wind credits and issue new guidance to prevent circumvention of the "beginning of construction" rules.

Solar and wind projects are no longer eligible for the 45Y and 48E credits if they:
=Begin construction after July 4, 2026, or
=Are not placed in service by December 31, 2027.
=Projects that began construction before July 4, 2026, and are placed in service by December 31, 2027, can still claim the credits.

Why did LC permit this bill to be introduced when it clearly does not comply with federal timelines?

Local government involvement doesn't mean they have control. They are just authorized to handle the permitting instead of requiring state-level EFSC approval, which is typically a more extensive and time-consuming process. It has the potential of forcing local governments to go against the will of their residence.