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I strongly support plug-in solar, to allow households to be able to generate their own solar energy without complex utility agreements designed for much larger rooftop systems. I have read that the bill would make it possible for about 70% of households to take advantage of this technology.

Oregonians deserve access to clean energy, and more ways to cut electricity bills, as energy costs continue to increase.

This bill is important to me because most people can't afford or don't have the kind of property that gives them an ability to put solar panels on a roof. But people are becoming more aware of the benefits of using the sun to capture energy.

Personally, I would like to use plug-in solar with a battery to have some power during an outage. I've lived in Eugene for over 40 years and have experienced a number of ice storms with power outages. As the technology keeps getting better to capture FREE energy from the sun, why not encourage that, especially as power needs keep increasing, putting more pressure on utilities.

I urge you to pass HB 4080.