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Some leaders in government just never learn. Despite years of research in tidal wave/ocean current/ocean temperatures as a way to produce energy, we are still at the proof of concept because although you can get a small bit of energy from them, you can't get enough for a small town, anywhere in Oregon. (Vale does manage to heat a few buildings with the hot springs near them, but no where near the entire small town). Maybe a building or two, but that's about all. Solar is a nice idea, when you have enough sun, but the costs for enough panels to provide energy for a house full time are astronomical and beyond 99% of Oregonians.

So the question is WHY do you want to speed up permitting and eliminate oversize, which could lead to weakening protections for wildlife, habitat etc. This could also have negative effects on farmland and sensitive ecosystems without the oversight. NO GOOD REASON, to waste YET MORE time and money trying to get blood out of a turnip. Face facts, some sources, although they do work, don't work well enough, produce enough power to be economically feasible. And let's not forget the huge wind turbines all along I-84 that are breaking down, killing birds, and too expensive to repair! That was a boondoggle, so, please for the love of reason, don't put more effort into this "speed up of permitting" for things that we all know will not do the job.