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NO on HB 4031

Why was this permitted to be introduced when it clearly does not comply with federal timelines?

Oregonians are experiencing high increases in our utility bills, and this would push them upward even further. Giving our hard earned tax dollars away by way of grants to energy that is proven volatile and not beneficial to other sources needs to STOP. When legislators continue to give our tax dollars away to technology where the federal government has directed the US Treasury to strictly enforce the termination of solar and wind credits and issuing new guidance to prevent circumvention of the "beginning of construction" rules, one wonders how each of you that would vote for this is benefitting from pushing legislation like this? It's time to focus on better use for our tax dollars and stop giving credits to technology that does not benefit the average Oregonian. It appears that you are against the citizens of Oregon. It's time legislators focus on making our energy affordable for its citizens and STOP using our \$\$ for your pet projects. It's time for you to introduce bills that benefit the people, not continue to hurt them.

The bill creates a new exemption for renewable energy facilities (solar, wind, geothermal, or marine energy) that meet specific conditions:

- Local approval: The facility must receive land use approval from the local government
- Federal tax credit qualification: Construction must begin by December 31, 2028, in a way that qualifies for federal renewable energy tax credits (IRS sections 45, 45Y, 48, or 48E)
- Notification requirement: The developer must notify both the local government and EFSC that construction has begun and qualifies for these tax credits.

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.

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.

This bill is yet another piece of legislation that is in open defiance and rebellion to the Federal Government. STOP THIS IGNORANT FOOLISHNESS NOW!!!

VOTE NO on HB 4031