

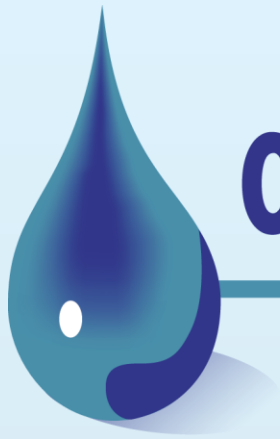


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## Overview of HB 3221: The Oregon Renewable Options Program

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# Oregon Water Resources Congress

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- Nonprofit membership association representing irrigation districts, water control districts, drainage districts, improvement districts, and other local government entities delivering water for agriculture
- Members operate and maintain water supply reservoirs, canals, pipelines, hydropower facilities and other water infrastructure—delivering water to 1/3 of all irrigated land in Oregon
- Promoting the protection and use of water rights and the wise stewardship of water resources since 1912





## Modernizing Aging Water Infrastructure

- Water conservation and water efficiency (piping, canal lining)
- Updated fish screens and fish passage
- Seismic upgrades
- Support on-farm conservation



## HB 3221: Oregon Renewable Options Program

- Supports irrigation modernization and conduit hydropower projects
- Supports local renewable energy project developers, local benefits
- Gives Oregon's communities a path to more renewables and backup power for energy resilience



## HB 3221: Oregon Renewable Options Program

- Requires small amount of local projects that can provide resilience
- Maintains community relationship with investor-owned utilities
- Oversight from the OPUC and ratepayer protections built in



## HB 3221: Oregon Renewable Options Program

How it works:

- OPUC rulemaking
- Community outreach and application
- RFPs from utility and Energy Trust
- Review, revisions, approval by OPUC



## HB 3221: Oregon Renewable Options Program

### Rate impact review:

- Renewables cheaper than fossil fuels
- Results similar under Direct Access, Voluntary Renewable Energy Tariffs
- Minimal rate impact in studied scenarios, including local projects



# Questions?

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