

SB 784: Partnering with customers on the clean energy future

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Targeted improvements to existing laws are needed to build the affordable, reliable and equitable clean energy future our customers expect

What our bill does:

SB 784 enables:

- community resiliency investments
 - options for local governments to meet their climate action goals;
 - everyone paying their fair share of policy costs
 - new clean, green energy programs and products, and
 - a responsible contracting policy for renewable energy projects
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Enabling energy resiliency

(Sec. 2)

- Builds the path for communities, local governments, and utilities to work together to be prepared for major events
- Provides the OPUC with the authority to approve resiliency measures that:
 - Increase the ability of the utility system to withstand and recover from a major disruption in the delivery or transmission of electricity, or
 - Reduce the magnitude and duration of potentially disruptive emergencies for local governments and communities



Enabling energy resiliency: Beaverton Public Safety Center Pilot

- Completed in Fall 2020
- Designed for police and emergency management
- PGE contributed more than \$1.5 million to the pilot project
- City owned:
 - 330 kW Solar
 - 1 MW Generator
- Utility Owned:
 - Microgrid Controller
 - 250 kW / 1 MWh Battery

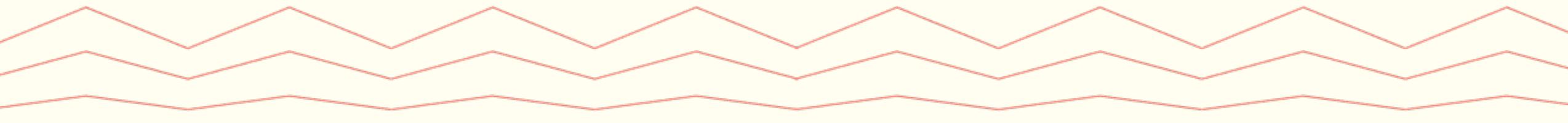


Customer-driven renewable energy program

(Sec. 3-4)

12 local governments in PGE's service territory have local climate action and sustainability plans

5 of these plans include 100% clean and renewable community-wide electricity goals in the 2030-2035 range

- Voluntary and based on the interest of each individual local government
 - Gives clear authority for the OPUC to approve a program developed by the utility and a local government
 - Allows flexibility for a local government to identify the role of community-based and/or resiliency projects
 - Offers protections for low-income customers and the minimization of cost-shifting to non-participating utility customers
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Broad support for communitywide customer-driven renewable program

Fall 2020 residential customer survey in Milwaukie, Beaverton, Portland and Multnomah County found:

About 80% of respondents felt that their local government's goal of 100% clean and renewable electricity by either 2030 or 2035 was either **about right or too slow**

And about 80% also indicated **interest in a utility program to meet those clean and renewable electricity goals**

Equitable distribution of policy costs

(Sec. 5)

When legislators and regulators tell utilities to implement economic development, environmental or equity policies and programs, this provision ensures these costs will be shared by all electricity customers



Accelerating what customers want

(Sec. 6-7)

- **Times have changed:** Fixes Oregon's 1999 electric deregulation law to remove barriers so utilities can more easily provide clean energy programs and products to customers
- **No time to waste:** Current law clashes with the need to move quickly on clean energy. This update sets aside existing burdensome and time-consuming requirements while maintaining OPUC oversight
- **Competition protected:** Defines and protects the competitive retail electricity market. Does not impact large customers' ability to choose direct access



CLEARING UP



PGE Voluntary Green Energy Program
Sells Out in Minutes

Responsible contracting policy for renewable energy projects

(Sec. 8-9)

- Prevailing wage
- Employer-paid health care and retirement benefits
- Apprenticeship program
- Promotion of workplace diversity, equity and inclusion



**Let's
meet the
future
together.**

