

To the Joint Committee on Energy and the Environment
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HB 2021 Study of Clean Energy

Support with Amendments:

Require contents of study including raw electronic data be made available to general public and researchers.

The need for this data was highlighted in testimony provided for HB 3221 - incentives for irrigation and alternative energy projects. We have no way of equitably comparing energy savings across multiple projects unless we have the rates data for which we can make benefit cost estimates for energy sources outside of traditional PUC.

This data absolutely needs to be publicly available. IMMEDIATELY

And before you pat yourself on the back, public data from the State of Oregon is notoriously difficult to access. FOIA in Oregon has been subject to a lot of controversy. Working with ODOT and PBOT has proven politically challenging to access questionable data. We can't "run the numbers" off of a .pdf. We need the raw database or excel sheet files. .PDFs is not raw data.

I respectfully request that the Committee on Energy and the Environment specifically add amendments to all study requests to make available the raw electronic data.

Elected officials should think of government generated data like the utilities rates data as a public resource. This resource is like a seed for innovation and development. Without the rates data we will not reach any of our GHG targets in any sector.

Thanks
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