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RE: HB 2021

I was unavailable to testify at the May 13 Revenue Committee Hearing because I was in Burns, Oregon at the grand opening celebration for the NewSun Energy and Harney District Hospital Specialty Care Clinic. Speakers remarked on the many meaningful benefits this facility brings to Harney County (<https://www.harneydh.com/grand-opening-celebration/>). Specifically, treatment will be faster, safer, and will not require drive of two to five hours to access many types of specialty care. This clinic was made possible in large part because NewSun Energy reinvested in the local community where two of their solar projects are located.

One speaker, a Harney County judge, spoke of the significant tax revenues generated by these projects, and the benefits to the local school district.

It was a very moving and wonderful event, and I'm fortunate to have been there.

This is what ***can and should happen*** when the Oregon Legislature votes to have a significant share of ***new renewable energy projects sited in Oregon***. The benefits far and away exceed the costs.

