

HB 2064: I oppose reducing the number of people necessary for a quorum for the Energy Facility Siting Council to vote on issues for the following reasons:

In 2017, Idaho Power Corporation prepared and filed a 17,000-page Application for Site Certificate weighing 240 pounds for their Proposed Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line which they delivered to five (5) understaffed, Eastern Oregon County Planning Departments, with a 30-day response deadline.

Five (5) lay people, who have no credentials to determine where a utility transmission line should be placed and have no expertise whatsoever in this field, are making poor and unqualified decisions that are damaging Oregon with these poor decisions.

For example, the five (5) lay people making up the Energy Facility Siting Council, claim there is no significant impact to our lovely and cherished National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center in Baker City, Oregon. The best and last remaining remnants of the Historic Oregon Trail are in Eastern Oregon—which needs protection. The Oregon Trail should never become an Idaho Transmission Trail. The trail will be crossed at least eight (8) times, with great risk of destruction; once destroyed it can never be brought back. Preserve our Oregon heritage! The views of the pioneers and our grand scenic valleys will be marred, including the renowned viewscape of our National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center and museum.

Yet, the legislature is allowing five (5) people and, if HB 2064 passes, that number will be down to four (4), with no required knowledge or expertise, to make decisions that will destroy the historical significance of a site that was developed with over \$10 million dollars of public and private funding. Do not do the citizens and resources of the State of Oregon the disservice of reducing the number of unqualified decision makers to only four (4). Five (5) are creating enough damage.