

I oppose HB 3141 and any other laws that indicate or include in name or body of the text "Privilege Tax, Public Purpose Charges or Grants for the Betterment of Citizens" or any such language. All these laws either proposed or enacted are illegal according to Oregon Constitution Article XI, Section 1; Prohibition of State Banks [Page 39, [OCAPREAM \(oregon.gov\)](https://www.oregon.gov/OCAP/PREAM) PDF file]. As a general meaning term "banks" would include quasi-state bank in which Oregon Legislation branch transfers tax collected to a financial institution- naming in legislation as "nongovernmental entity" or not even hiding the fact and naming financial institutions to manage the cut or division of collected revenue by Oregon. To distribute to a numerous non-profits, energy contractors and energy sector in general. Spells out corruption of funds to me, the money fund stream will not managed by the state and will not have the same public scrutiny as our state agencies. Oregon Legislature has incorporated these quasi-state banks (nongovernmental entities) in enacting laws listing "any entity" legislation into law. If Oregon or local governments deem "any entity" as managers of collected taxes within their laws, ordinances and regulations passed within these governmental processes in the operation of government organizations. HB 3141, REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO NONGOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES (Generally) Section 9: ...PUC... paid to nongovernmental entity. Then the legislature introduces natural gas tariffs into the stream to collect "sales tax" funds for the public purpose charges legislation.

In particular, HB 3141 orders private corporations and cooperative electric - community utility providers to collect a sales tax from "retail customers" only. Oregon Legislature does not have the authority to enact a sales tax as citizenry has never approved the sales tax model of any kind. Moreover, many Bills within the Oregon Legislature, including this Bill indicate that monies will be used for electric vehicle charging stations, this is a commercial activity and government should not override. Furthermore, any commercial industry that the state overpowers in the commercial activity sector; especially when any such legislation is not for the whole citizenry of the state as driving upon the highways of this state as one example is inequitable.

The administration, tabulating-survey, auditing fees of this illegal sales tax, first managed through PUC and then these (nongovernmental) illegal quasi-bank schemes appointing officers or directors for the nongovernmental organization for a Board within these entities. Then, whatever is left-over of the "sale-tax" funds to be divided between numerous programs for energy efficiency in schools, solar installation (limiting the amount a utility customer can sell into the electrical grid), energy efficiency and weatherization of structures, low and moderate income energy assistance 3.5 percent (amounting to 25 percent of the allocated 14 percent to the energy assistance block of collected "sales tax"), electric car charging infrastructure.... To add insult to injury of the citizenry of this state small-medium or non-residential businesses are eligible for these funds but are not mentioned in HB 3141 as payers of the "sales tax" as a percent of their electric bills. Let's not leave out the "sales tax" funds to be used to replace manufactured homes that are no longer energy efficient. This Bill purported 'betterment of citizenry' or whatever moniker the legislators use depending on the Bill or previously enacted laws, is nothing but a "sales tax" is a runaway train wreck in substance. Not to mention in the future of what the legislators will do if citizenry gives in to this type of legislation to start us on a track of a "sales tax" in this state. HB 3141 in part is worded so poorly makes absolutely no distinct statement what the legislators intended to relay to the people. Alternately, seems as though this is a 'green energy or environmental justice equity based' Bill, but it is not. The Bill, HB 3141 actually gives rebates for the "sales tax" if residential consumers of electricity use alternation of large amounts of consumption of electricity and throws in industry to the mix, (what?) in the millions of dollars for rebate of use "sales tax". Another slice of the pie is taken for administration costs by Oregon Community Power and Citizens Utility Board to record and report low-income customers served, amount paid and type of assistance provided to report back to electric companies, hello, electric utilities already know and tabulate accounts receivable for funds received from community action non-profits.

The huge elephant in the room is Oregon utilities still uses natural gas to generate electricity, so please tell Oregonians what the environmental integrity of HB 3141 accomplishes. I am literally offended by this measure; I live in an area of an electric cooperative that has never seen the financial benefit to its members to retire debt. We pay a huge base charge of 42.00 just to have electric service plus the kWh usage. The most egregious is the legislators circumventing the Oregon Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, Prohibition of State Banks, by naming these quasi-state banks as nongovernmental entities or other equivalent language.