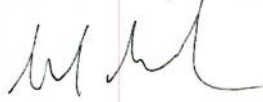


From the desk of Rep. Mark Gamba



Oregon Businesses and Climate Advocates Support HB 4080



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Floating offshore wind holds significant promise to accelerate both Oregon's and our region's clean energy transition. Offshore wind is a high-value resource. According to the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, wind speeds off Oregon's south coast are among the strongest in the US. ODOE has indicated that offshore winds generally are stronger and more consistent throughout the year than onshore winds.

A broad range of stakeholders are interested in and concerned about potential offshore wind development off the Oregon coast. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management recently finalized Wind Energy Areas, moving closer to a prospective lease sale in late 2024. With this prospect on the horizon, Governor Kotek has committed to developing a robust and transparent state roadmap to inform offshore wind opportunities.

HB 4080 sets a course for two important processes:

- Authorization and Resources for a State Offshore Wind Roadmap
- Resources for Federal Consistency Review

Oregonians deserve a voice in our energy future. A state roadmap will facilitate robust stakeholder engagement, information sharing, and critical conversations.

We urge your support for HB 4080.

