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Measure: HB4090

I read the text of HB4090 with alarm. Why are we ceding control of power plant siting to the federal government without any state oversight? What happens if the NEPA process gets corrupted or the federal government loosens the NEPA rules? They could quickly make a mess and the way I read this measure the state would have absolutely no control over the federal government's actions over land ultimately owned by Oregonians.

The timing of this measure is also suspect. The noise I hear is the federal government is about to open up federal land for massive investments in solar. Which is discouraging since I thought Oregon already had a plan for achieving 100% renewables using private land. Why are we allowing the feds to build commercial operations on land that will generate no tax revenue for state and local governments?

Do you believe the opportunists that will almost certainly appear with this government giveaway will have the same concern for safety that locals have? I can envision more forest fires from downed power lines, etc.

I humbly ask the Senate's Committee on Energy and Environment allow this poorly thought out measure to die in committee. The state already has the resources it needs to achieve its energy goals. This measure is unnecessary.