



Industry and Labor Agree - HB 3546 is Bad for Oregon

Vote NO on HB 3546

Data centers are vital to Oregon's digital and economic infrastructure, powering services for residents and businesses while creating local jobs and generating substantial tax revenue. Beyond their direct economic impact, these facilities invest heavily in our power infrastructure by paying premium transmission rates and funding grid improvements that benefit entire communities.

Data centers strengthen grid reliability through infrastructure investments and help stabilize residential electricity rates by providing consistent demand. The current proposed legislation, with its misaligned regulations, threatens these widespread community benefits and could discourage future development that supports our digital economy.

HB 3546 puts all of these positives at risk.

- Targeting data centers specifically in energy policy is discriminatory - it unfairly impacts one industry and is the wrong decision for Oregon.
- The bill directs the PUC to impose costs on data centers beyond their actual usage. This creates an unfair business environment that could drive investments and businesses away from Oregon.
- The Oregon Public Utility Commission already maintains the authority to establish long-term contracts with data centers, making this bill redundant.

This bill could result in potential loss of family wage jobs across the state. Despite industry and labor groups proposing constructive amendments, these suggestions were rejected. Such rejection has led to the opposition of both business and labor representatives.