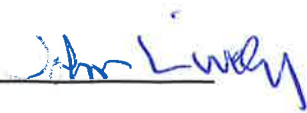


From the Desk of Rep. John Lively



Date: June 23rd, 2025

RE: HB 2065 B and HB 2066 B

Dear Colleagues,

I urge you to **vote yes** on HB 2065 and HB 2066 to support microgrid development in Oregon. Both bills passed with overwhelming bipartisan support out of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment, the Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources, and the full Ways & Means Committee.

- **HB 2066 asks the Oregon Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to create a roadmap for the development, ownership, operation, and valuation of microgrids.**
- **HB 2065 reduces the bottleneck currently delaying energy projects by allowing communities to hire third party experts to carry out grid interconnection studies.**

Natural disasters cause frequent and prolonged grid disruptions that threaten lives, damage infrastructure, and hurt local business. Microgrids allow communities to better respond to and recover from emergencies and power outages. Microgrids can also work in coordination with utility grids to provide power during normal conditions – helping our state meet rising energy demands – from a local power source (biomass, biogas, solar, wind, geothermal, etc).

Developing this innovative microgrid approach to energy delivery will take time, especially with the volume of legislative directives sent to the PUC this session. The PUC may consider a phased approach to create the regulatory framework for HB 2066 in order to get the policy right for the road ahead. This could mean starting with simpler microgrid designs and then moving on to more complex microgrid configuration.

I commit to working closely with stakeholders throughout the next two years to ensure the PUC delivers the best public policy for microgrid development that Oregon deserves.

Sincerely,

Representative John Lively, House District 7  
Chair, House Climate, Energy & Environment Committee

