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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 843
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB843

I OPPOSE [SB 843]. Required reading: [
https://oregon.public.law/statutes/ors_757.365]

***Oregonians want low cost, reliable, clean and sustainable energy at the flick of a switch without more undue government interference.

**[SB 843] is an attempt to find reasons to justify solar power investments are cost effective-any reason will do.

From the TEXT of [SB 843], "... (1) The Public Utility Commission shall establish a pilot program for each electric company to demonstrate the use and effectiveness of volumetric incentive rates and payments for electricity or for the nonenergy attributes of electricity, or both, from solar photovoltaic energy systems that are permanently installed in this state by retail electricity consumers and that first become operational after the program begins.

...The cumulative nameplate capacity of the qualifying systems enrolled in all of the pilot programs may not exceed 27.5 megawatts of alternating current. Qualifying systems enrolled in the pilot program may not have nameplate generating capacity greater than 500 kilowatts..."

**The Public Utility Commissioner's backgrounds are below.
[<https://www.oregon.gov/puc/about-us/Pages/Commissioners.aspx>]

**Note what Governor appointed them and their corresponding backgrounds as applied to decisions concerning Oregon's energy utilities'. The Commissioners are Political appointments.

**The "politically appointed rocket-scientists" are going to make competent decisions concerning the following responsibilities below.

From the TEXT of [SB 843], "... (11) The commission shall advise and assist the owners and operators of qualifying systems in identifying and using grants, incentive moneys, federal funding and other sources of noninvestment financial support for the construction and operation of qualifying systems..."

[SB 843] appears to create an addition layer of bureaucratic experimentation with our tax dollars to:

From the TEXT of [SB 843], "... (3) The commission may establish incentive rates for

the pilot programs to enable the development of the most efficient solar photovoltaic energy systems.

(4) A retail electricity consumer participating in a pilot program may receive payments based on electricity generated from solar photovoltaic energy system output for 15 years from the consumer's date of enrollment in the program, at rates or through a rate formula in a tariff schedule established at the time of enrollment, or at rates otherwise established at the time of enrollment. The consumer thereafter may receive payments based upon electricity generated from the qualifying system at a rate equal to the resource value..."

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "The aforementioned Political appointed persons must be using an Ouija Board to make [SB 843] palatable to the masses. Upon close inspection, [SB 843] should be headed for the dustbin."