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Regarding: HB3247

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Representative Ed Diehl introduced House Bill 3247 which makes a power company have a new power source that meets certain standards before the company can close a power plant.

Oregon needs a clean, reliable source of baseload power to meet current and future energy demands. We cannot meet our future energy needs with wind and solar alone - far from it! We need abundant baseload power, and hydroelectric is part of the answer for Oregon.

This bill makes sure that a baseload power source such as hydroelectric will not be removed unless there is an equivalent replacement source of baseload power ready to go online.

Not only do these dams provide much needed power, they provide flood control, water storage, recreation, jobs, and more.

Oregon **cannot afford to lose more dispatchable energy resources** without a plan to replace them. The risk of **power shortages and price volatility** is too great. Please support **HB 3247** to safeguard Oregon's energy future and ensure that **we do not eliminate power plants without replacing their capacity**.

Thank you,

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