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House Bill 3609 requires utilities to create a distributed power plant (DPP) program. DPPs work by bringing together rooftop solar and battery systems with other technologies such as smart thermostats, to provide electricity where and when it's needed most. DPPs will create benefits for all Oregonians, including:

- Saving customers money;
- Providing grid benefits at this time of rapidly growing energy demand;
- Helping to prevent power outages; and
- Reducing the need to operate expensive and polluting "peaker" power plants.

The financial incentives of a DPP program enable more people to adopt solar energy, battery storage, and other distributed energy resources. This means DPPs also spur much-needed economic development, private investment, innovation and technology development.

We need to expand green energy systems and increase the redundancy in our energy production and distribution systems.