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Addressing climate change requires transitioning our electricity from fossil fuels to clean, renewable sources, however, transmission constraints have been the main barrier and the sources of the constraints are multiple. This bill would address many of these barriers without minimizing the quality of the review process or impact on the environment. Changes include shortening the timeline of the reviews, directing all appeals to the Oregon Supreme Court, allowing minor boundary changes, allowing extensions of deadlines in a variety of situations, and allowing high voltage lines with statewide significance to be placed in farming land. These compromises are worth the benefits of their positive impact in addressing the climate crisis.