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Addressing the climate crisis requires transitioning our electricity to clean, renewable sources including wind and solar, however, the many transmission constraints have been substantial and will impede our ability to reach the goals of HB2021. This bill would address many of these barriers. Changes include shortening the timeline of the reviews, directing 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 farmland. These compromises are minor and worth the benefits of their positive impact on our ability to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.