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I strongly support efforts to increase green power generation with targeted tax incentives and grants.

Even so, tax credits are not my preferred method for this, because

(a) they're off-book and we don't track the total "expense" that they represent (as we would if it was a grant program, instead), and

(b) they're often more useful to high-income residents.

However, rooftop solar is very expensive and I suspect that most buyers also pay lots of state income taxes, which mitigates my concern #2.

And the existing targeted green power programs, in partnership with Energy Trust of Oregon, are working well. I support that framework and want to see it continue, so that mitigates my concern #1.

And thank you to the committee for your public service.