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All SB 1187 will do is make Oregon even more unaffordable for regular people without any real proof (beyond exquisitely detailed speculation) or KPIs to show any mitigation in current or future weather patterns. This nuisance legislation is purely ideological and threatens the financial wellbeing of already struggling Oregonian households who rely on all types of energy to live their modern lives. My electricity bill has risen from about 12 cents per kwh to about 20 cents per kwh in just 4 to 5 years with none of this extra money going to benefit anybody but investor-owned utilities and state-affiliated NGOs. This is all cost with no guarantee of any benefit beyond vacuous, intangible platitudes like "climate justice." As an engineer who has worked on several Dept of Energy projects in academia, I can confidently say what is labeled as "clean energy" is merely an add-on to, not a replacement for, the current energy system as it is inferior in cost, density, and reliability. Instead of promoting research and development to bridge this gap while keeping energy affordable in its current state, our legislature would rather take a political, hamfisted, ideological approach that merely hurts working families despite what is said to the contrary on the surface by elected officials. The people of the State of Oregon deserve better than SB 1187.