

Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Oregon State Capitol
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Salem Oregon 97301



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From: *Community Renewable Energy Association - CREA*

Subject: *Testimony in support of SB 927*

Honorable Chair Meek, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the committee:

I'm writing in support of [SB 927](#), on behalf of the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA). CREA is an ORS 190 intergovernmental association. Members include counties, irrigation districts, councils of government, project developers, for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. CREA supports business and economic opportunities through renewable energy development in a competitive environment. We support creating economically and environmentally responsible electric generation within the State of Oregon.

CREA hopes to see SB 927 offset costs to generation facilities as it relates to and for transmission services, by creating an income or corporate excise tax credit for owners of said eligible generation facilities.

Without a Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) in Oregon that would typically help standardize wheeling rates, transmission planning and services, and ensuring fairness and transparency across the market (as pointed out in other testimony for this bill), getting power from one side of our state to the other can be expensive and challenging, and can typically lead to extended delays for interconnection (or even building) of generation projects that have already been sited and permitted.

Wheeling charges are fees paid by power producers or consumers to use the transmission or distribution network owned by another utility or transmission company. SB 927 would help to make these remote areas of Oregon accessible for energy development, as there is existing transmission, but can be cost prohibitive in getting it to market. These areas, although remote, are also likely much more palatable and better locations for siting projects.

CREA hopes to see the playing field leveled for developers with the passage of SB 927, and that it will ultimately lead to some certainty in the market, making sure the power gets to where it needs to go, with no additional cost to rate payers, and so that projects that are already sited and permitted, can be financed and move forward.

Please support passage of SB 927. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Williams', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

James Williams
CREA Executive Director