

SB 685

I am in opposition to Senate Bill Act 685 as it is currently written. It will handicap future growth and development in the energy field.

It is my understanding that SB 685 could significantly delay hydrogen projects, and place undue burdens on public utilities seeking to incorporate hydrogen into their infrastructure. It appears to restrict projects in this bill and the termination of Oregon's tax credit for Production of Clean Hydrogen under the Inflation Reduction Act. It also puts Oregon at a disadvantage to attract new project development.

As a taxpayer, the Legislature should find ways to minimize barriers to decarbonization that will benefit ratepayers.

Respectfully Submitted