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Act now on climate solutions

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Climate Solutions is asking for our support to enact 2 especially important environmental bills this session.

HB 2021: Accelerating 100% clean electricity

House Bill 2021 would commit Oregon to obtaining 100% of its electricity from clean and carbon-free energy sources by 2040. When passed, it would ensure an orderly transition to a grid powered by solar, wind, storage and other clean energy technologies. It would eliminate one of our state's largest and growing sources of climate pollution: reliance on fossil gas plants. A 100% clean grid will serve as the clean energy backbone to power our buildings, transportation, and industries. HB 2021 will spark needed economic development in the renewable energy sector and create more family-wage jobs for clean energy, storage, and transmission projects across the state. Every part of Oregon can and should be part of the state's transition to 100% clean energy—this bill will help ensure it does.

HB 2398: Letting Cities Reach for Big Energy Savings

State law currently prevents Oregon cities from requiring more energy efficient construction than our lagging statewide building code. This means rapidly-growing cities like Bend and Portland can only require new buildings to be as energy efficient as in small cities like Burns and Port Orford. HB 2398 will change that by establishing a more energy efficient "Reach" building code in Oregon that cities and counties can choose to adopt instead of "base" code. Cities across the state are looking forward to cleaner, more efficient buildings that lock in energy and cost savings for residents, as well as reduce climate pollution from the start.

So where are things at with only a few weeks left until the end of session? The joint Ways and Means Committee needs to pass both of these bills so then both chambers can have floor votes before the session clock runs out on June 27th.

Contact your legislators today

We have a chance for Oregon to be a leader again, but you're needed to help make it happen. We can get these bills across the finish line. We can have a 100% clean grid in Oregon. We can allow cities to reach for deep energy savings.