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I applaud the efforts behind Governor Kitzhaber's Draft 10 Year Energy Action Plan, and would like to submit the following comment:

I would like to see Oregon move as aggressively as possible to build upon progress already made in developing home grown, renewable power. Along those lines I urge that we:

- embrace net zero initiatives across the board, driving future home construction to achieve annual net zero electrical consumption units. Such homes are being built on a tiny scale today in Oregon, but in time should be embraced as the standard.

- develop a robust feed-in tariff program to promote on-site small scale energy generation, whether it be rooftop solar arrays, or biogas facilities such as recently completed by the City of Gresham. All forms of renewable energy should be eligible for feed-in tariffs, and all electrical customers in Oregon should have access to them (not just investor-owned utilities.) Electrical customers should be able to sell back all of their energy produced, and this would have the impact of reducing the wholesale cost of a kilowatt hour.

- develop financial mechanisms to make onsite renewable options available to the typical home electrical consumer. This primarily involves energy loans to amortize energy investments over a time sufficient for the savings from lower energy costs to be realized at least in some part immediately.

- find solutions to encourage owners of rental properties to improve the energy efficiency of their units to lower the power bills their tenants must pay and reduce power consumption.

Again, hats off for this effort.