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## **Oregon House Extends Clean Energy Support**

SALEM – Ensuring the long-term health of clean energy production and the clean energy sector in Oregon got a boost today as the Oregon House of Representatives passed [House Bill 2760](#).

The legislation extends the property tax exemption for alternative energy systems to 2023. Exempted from property taxation are alternative energy systems including solar, geothermal, wind, water, fuel cell or methane gas energy systems that are used for heating, cooling or generating electricity.

Rep. Paul Holvey (D-Eugene) was the chief sponsor of the legislation.

“At a time when the federal administration is removing the United States from the kind of climate change agreements that will really make a difference for future generations, I am proud Oregon is stepping forward to reaffirm its commitment to the production of clean energy,” Rep. Holvey said. “This legislation has made a real difference in our state as we have sought to lower our impact on climate change.”

In just the last biennium, 1,400 Oregonians have utilized the program to install clean energy systems like solar panels on their properties.

Rep. Janeen Sollman (D-Hillsboro), a sponsor of the legislation, said the credit also helps to sustain good paying jobs for Oregonians.

“In addition to the benefit this legislation has in building a clean energy future for Oregon, it is also beneficial in sustaining the jobs of the nearly 48,000 Oregonians,” Rep. Sollman said. “The clean energy sector helps drive a significant part of Oregon’s economy.”

The bill passed the House by a vote of 55-1. It now moves to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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