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House Votes to Move Oregon Past Coal, Toward a Cleaner Future

House Bill 4036 will eliminate coal use, double renewable energy

Today, in a wide bipartisan vote, the Oregon House of Representatives passed a historic bill that will move the state off of coal and on the road to cleaner, renewable energy.

[House Bill 4036](#) reforms energy policy for Oregon by eliminating coal from the electricity supplies to customers of Pacific Power and PGE by 2030, and by requiring that 50% of their power is generated by clean, renewable sources by 2040.

This bill significantly reduces the utilities' greenhouse gas emissions, putting them on a path to meeting the goal Oregon adopted for reducing carbon emissions, which is to reduce emissions 75% below 1990 levels by 2050. Right now, creating electricity for Oregon produces 30% of our greenhouse gas emissions. HB 4036, the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan, will reduce those emissions by 2040.

The bill is the product of a historic agreement by environmental advocates, the state's largest utilities, and the Citizens Utility Board. The package will reduce the state's carbon output, lead to cleaner air, and spur even more job-creating projects in renewable energy developments. Since 1998, over \$9.8 billion has been invested in renewable energy projects, leading to the creation of more than 5,300 jobs.

"This is a balanced plan that achieves Oregon's goal of reducing our state's carbon footprint and eliminates our reliance on coal," says Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson (D-Portland), who chairs the House Committee on Energy and the Environment and carried the bill on the floor. "HB 4036 is hugely important step in reducing carbon emissions in our state and will again place Oregon among states leading the way in clean, renewable energy."

The bill, which passed 39-20, now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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