



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 4, 2026

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Potential Conflict of Interest on HB 4076B

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

In accordance with House Rules, I respectfully submit to you in writing my potential conflict of interest on HB 4076B, as stated during today's House Floor Session.

Statement Issue:

The measure requires the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC), while evaluating an energy facility's compliance with statewide planning goals, to find that certain standards are met if the energy facility will deliver electricity to the electric grid utilizing its surplus interconnection and does not require associated transmission lines more than two miles from the energy facility's site boundaries. It defines "surplus interconnection" as any capacity at the point of interconnection under an existing energy facility's interconnection agreement that is not being utilized and does not exceed the energy facility's original interconnection capacity. As amended for concurrence it allows a local government to justify an exception to statewide land use planning goals that protect agricultural land in order to permit a renewable energy facility, if certain conditions are met.

My husband's family ranch contains an existing energy producing facility that meets the scope of this bill which could benefit from the streamlining processes produced by this bill if exercised by company seeking to utilize surplus interconnection capacity bringing the project up to full original permitted capacity, and the Senate amendment did not relieve the potential conflict.

Please contact my office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Scharf".

Anna Scharf
State Representative - House District 23