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Legislation Protects Rooftop Solar Customers from Shady Business Practices

Oregon Senate passes House Bill 4029 to improve transparency and accountability

SALEM, OR – Everyday consumers and responsible businesses alike benefit when laws prevent unethical or deceptive trade practices. New protections in the residential solar energy market are specified in House Bill 4029, passed today in the Oregon Senate.

“We’re preventing bad actors, often coming from out of state, from taking advantage of Oregonians,” said **Senator Anthony Broadman (D – Bend)**, who carried the measure on the Senate floor.

A combination of federal, state, and utility company incentives in recent years have accelerated demand for residential solar systems. That growth also has led to misleading sales practices, high-pressure marketing tactics, and exaggerated claims about costs and savings. House Bill 4029 combats those dangers with new requirements for disclosures, transparent contracts, and rights for consumers to cancel contracts.

The measure has tough accountability provisions. Violations under House Bill 4029 are punishable under the Unlawful Trade Practices Act.

The legislation passed in a vote of 25 to 4. It goes next to Governor Tina Kotek for her signature.

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