

10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE 'COAL TO CLEAN' BILL

1. The 'Coal to Clean' bill requires Oregon to eliminate coal from its energy supply but does not close any coal plants, resulting in zero coal-powered carbon reduction.
 2. Oregon is already on a path to reduce carbon emissions alongside regional partners by converting coal plants to natural gas, reducing emissions by 38 percent over the next 20 years – without 'Coal to Clean.'
 3. "Green energy" mandates in the 'Coal to Clean' bill may force businesses to relocate to states with lower energy costs, resulting in job losses and no net reduction in coal-generated carbon.
 4. Carbon emissions from Oregon's energy sector amount to only .04% of total US greenhouse gas emissions. Even if Oregon could eliminate carbon emissions entirely, it would have no significant effect on climate change.
 5. Backroom deals by Democrat leaders required the Public Utility Commission to approve rate increases without a public hearing on the cost or effectiveness of these 'Coal to Clean' renewable energy investments.
 6. Details hidden in the bill ensure that customers of Oregon's major utilities will bear the entire \$8.8 billion cost of 'Coal to Clean,' while shareholders get a guaranteed profit.
 7. Residential customers, including seniors and families with low-incomes, could see an extra \$152 per year or more on their energy bills.
 8. Commercial users like small business owners could pay an extra \$1,182 a year in electricity costs, while large industrial users are expected to pay more than \$4,000 a month more. These costs will be passed on to Oregon consumers.
 9. 'Coal to Clean' allows utility companies to build electric vehicle charging stations across the state and recover the costs from paying customers, forcing ratepayers to subsidize electric vehicle infrastructure.
 10. This isn't the only costly new energy mandate — "Coal to Clean" plus "Cap and Trade" will send Oregon energy prices soaring above the national average, eliminating the advantage of low cost energy supplies that are a major job creator for Oregon.
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