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**Senator Olsen convenes**  
**Energy Facility Siting Council Work Group**

SALEM, OR- Today, Senator Alan Olsen (R-Canby) convened a meeting of the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) Work Group. EFSC was established by the Oregon Legislative Assembly in 1975, and charged with overseeing energy facility siting in the state of Oregon. In 2017, HB 3166A would have established the Energy Facility Siting Task Force. This Task Force was charged with identifying ways to improve public participation in the energy facility siting process and assessing ways to expedite the process for receiving a site certificate for constructing or expanding energy facilities that are subject to jurisdiction of the council. This version of the bill ultimately did not pass, but the task outlined was identified as essential to providing a more accessible process to Oregonians.

"It's time we start working together to address the concerns of the populace over energy facility siting issues," said Olsen. "All sides have a voice at the table."

The EFSC Work Group will continue to meet through the 2018 Legislative Session and the interim, and look for ways to make EFSC efficient, effective, and accountable to Oregon residents and utilities.

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