

Regulatory Tools to Advance Decarbonization

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Public Utility Commission



Responsible for regulatory oversight of investor-owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications, and water utilities

- State agency headed by three full-time Commissioners appointed by the Governor
- Staffed with 125 employees with expertise in finance, accounting, economics, engineering, law, safety, and other utility-related fields
- Our mission is to ensure Oregon utility customers have access to safe, reliable, and fairly priced utility services that advance state policy and promote the public interest

Policy Evolution – OPUC lens



SB 838 (2007)

Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)

SB 324 (2015)

Clean Fuels Program (reenforcing 2009 HB)

SB 98 (2019)

Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS)

2021 Legislative Session

HB 2021 – Clean Energy Targets - Electric

HB 2475 – Energy Equity

HB 3141 – Energy Efficiency

HB 2165/HB 3055 – Transportation Electrification

SB 762 – Wildfire Protection Plans

Technology Focused

SB 1547 (2016)

Increased RPS

Coal out of rates

Community Solar

Transportation Electrification

Small-scale Community-based Renewables

Storage

Executive Order 20-04 (2020)

Rapid reductions of GHG emissions, at reasonable costs – implementation focus on natural gas emissions reductions

Impacted Communities

Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

Holistic + Just

HB 2021 – Electric Decarbonization



Emissions reductions

- 80% reduction – 2030
- 90% reduction – 2035
- 100% GHG free – 2040
- Natural gas prohibition

Protections

- Clean Energy Plans
- Reliability pause
- Affordability off ramp
- Direct Access loopholes

Environmental justice

- Advisory groups
- Labor standards
- Community benefits analysis

Small-scale renewables

- 10% small-scale by 2030
- ODOE Grants
- ODOE Study

Consumer choice

- Community renewables
- Code of conduct
(maintaining competition)

Future focus areas



- How to make progress and remain flexible to adjust and adapt?
- How to evolve:
 - Planning?
 - Cost recovery and ratemaking?
 - Engagement and community input?
 - Market dynamics and smart signals?