

Petition Fact Sheet

Initiative Petition 3: “Hydro as Renewable Energy” Fact Sheet

IP3 would recognize all hydro-electric power as a renewable energy under Oregon’s renewable portfolio standards.

We believe hydropower is an important component of our state’s renewable energy portfolio and should be recognized as such.

IP3’s goal is simple and straight-forward really. It recognizes that local and sustainable hydropower is one of Oregon’s natural advantages. Hydropower should figure prominently in the state’s energy plans as well as the state’s efforts to recruit businesses and jobs from outside Oregon.

Including *all* hydropower under the state’s renewable portfolio standard just makes common sense.

Hydroelectric power not only helps keep power costs lower for commercial, industrial, agricultural and, residential energy users in Oregon, but it also helps advance other forms of renewable energy such as wind and solar power by providing a stable base of renewable hydroelectricity to even out the peaks and valleys of intermittent sources like wind and solar .

It’s important to understand what IP3 does and what it *does not* do. IP3 simply recognizes all hydropower as a qualifying renewable energy source under the state’s renewable portfolio standard requirements. IP3 *does not* increase those renewable portfolio standard requirements, and we will oppose any efforts to increase the renewable portfolio standard percentage after passage of its initiative.

We believe the legislature and the governor got this wrong in 2007 when putting together the Renewable Portfolio Standard. It’s frustrating that the legislature has not moved on legislative proposals to correct this mistake, but we’re confident that the people of Oregon will get it right if given the opportunity to vote on this issue.

It’s important to do all we can to keep Oregon’s power rates low and to promote sustainable, renewable energy sources. IP3 does this without resorting to public subsidies and tax giveaways.

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