Oregon Clean Energy, Clean Air Initiatives

It’s time to transition Oregon off coal power to clean, renewable energy, create local jobs and make our state a leader in protecting the climate and our health.

Clean Energy & Healthy Communities

The time has come for Oregon to renew its leadership in growing a clean energy economy and reducing the impacts of climate change.

To accomplish this, the Renew Oregon coalition is launching a ballot initiative campaign to replace coal energy by 2030 and transition us to clean, renewable energy.

Coal is the single biggest air polluter in the U.S., a major public health threat and a leading cause of global warming.

Oregon still gets one-third of its electricity from out-dated, coal-burning power plants. We must transition our state off dirty coal to clean, renewable power like wind and solar.

Good Jobs in the Clean Energy Economy

While coal is on the way out, we’ll replace it with clean, renewable energy like wind and solar.

By doubling our state’s commitment to clean energy, we will spur the clean energy economy and create good-paying jobs with benefits that can’t be outsourced like:

- Engineers and designers
- Salespeople
- Construction and manufacturing workers
- Administrative staff, custodians and more

The clean energy economy has opportunities for family-supporting jobs for all Oregonians.

Protecting What We Love About Oregon

We’re already feeling the effects of climate change. If we don’t lead, wildfires, extreme weather, heatwaves and drought will become our new normal.

Hot weather makes heart and lung disease worse. Our allergy season is longer and kids with asthma suffer more from poor air quality.

Our favorite foods and activities, and the people provide them to us, are in danger. From skiing to salmon, rafting to wine, Oregonians will face shortages and industries will suffer. But we can turn the tide. Together we can Renew Oregon.

Everyone has a good reason to help cut pollution and grow the clean energy economy. It will take all of us working together to make it happen. Join us and Renew Oregon!

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Reducing air pollution improves our air and the public’s health. Thousands suffer every day from breathing problems. We can make a difference by transitioning to clean energy.”
--Renée Klein, President & CEO at American Lung Association of the Mountain Pacific

80% Clean by 2040
The Clean Energy, Clean Air measures will require large utilities in Oregon like PGE and Pacific Power to gradually shift away from coal power and replace it with clean, renewable energy - up to 50% of the power mix in Oregon by 2040. When combined with hydro power, this means Oregon will be on track to get 80% of our electricity from renewable energy.

The First State to Vote Out Coal and Vote in Clean
These measures would make Oregon the first state to have a public vote to go coal free. Oregon has always been a leader on protecting the climate. By transitioning to clean energy, we join other states like Colorado, Hawaii, California, Vermont and New York with aggressive standards for renewable energy.

Saving Money, Saving Lives
The Clean Energy, Clean Air measures will save Oregonians money. Ratepayers can expect to pay less, in the end, for clean, renewable energy - up to 5.3%, based on our economic modeling. At the same time, advancing a clean energy economy will preserve a clean air future for our kids - protecting their health for generations to come.

Tackling Climate Change
Combined, PGE and Pacific Power produce 20.5 million metric tons of climate-changing carbon dioxide a year. By requiring these utilities to end their reliance on coal and ramp up their production of clean, renewable power we will reduce pollution from these utilities by up to 45% by 2040.

Join us!
It will take all of us working together to shift Oregon off dirty, polluting energy. Will you join the movement to make a clean energy future for all a reality?