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Large Majority of Oregonians Support Transition Off Coal

New poll shows 7 out of 10 voters favor Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan

SALEM, Ore. -- In the opening days of the February session, as lawmakers consider the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Plan (HB 4036), a poll of Oregon voters shows the policy enjoys wide support with the public.

A poll of likely Oregon voters conducted by FM3 Research shows about 7 in 10 Oregonians support the proposal negotiated by experts at electric utilities, clean energy advocates and ratepayer watchdogs to transition coal out of Oregon's electricity mix and double renewable energy in the state.

"The verdict is in: Oregonians want lawmakers to move swiftly to end our reliance on coal and shift to clean, renewable energy," said **Thomas Wheatley**, Campaign Director for **Renew Oregon**.

The survey shows support across major demographics -- age, gender, geography, race -- strong support from a depth and breadth of Oregonians for this bill.

"It's clear Oregonians want this done. The longer we depend on risky, polluting coal, the worse off we are," said **Wheatley**. "Oregon can seize the opportunity and grow the clean energy economy or we can fade back into the pack while other states surge ahead of us."

If HB 4036 becomes law, the Renew Oregon coalition has agreed to withdraw a similar proposal from the ballot in November 2016.

A second survey question shows Oregon voters intend to support elected representatives who take the issue of clean energy and climate protection seriously. Two-thirds of voters say they are more likely to vote for a candidate who supports the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition bill. Of voters identifying themselves as independents, 68 percent are more likely to back a candidate who supports transitioning off coal and doubling renewable energy in Oregon.

[See additional memo from FM3 Research for more on the survey results]

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[Renew Oregon](#) is a growing coalition of businesses and workers, healthcare professionals and parents, farmers and ranchers, faith and community organizations, and individuals coming together to move our state away from polluting energy to a clean energy economy. We are working to create good-paying jobs for all Oregonians, protect air and water from pollution, and help families stay healthy.