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How Do We Power Growth?



We can't talk about modest growth without talking about the infrastructure we need to support it.

That means well-funded and well-maintained roads and bridges, it means abundant and clean water, and it means having the energy resources to meet the needs of residents and business.

Here in Oregon, historically, we have had cheap and plentiful power which has helped us grow the industries that currently are the cornerstone of our state's economy. Indeed, Oregon regularly ranks one of the top states in the country for ambitious clean-

energy policy, transportation decarbonization standards and Building Performance Standards.

But a series of OPB and ProPublica articles recently reported that Oregon has lagged most of the nation in the growth and completion of renewable energy projects because of severe transmission constraints and bureaucratic delays. They report that Oregon's failure to complete necessary grid upgrades is the main reason the state has fallen behind other states in bringing wind and solar projects online - despite the clean mandate for the state to go green.

Join us at our **March 19 Policy Conference** as we dive into these issues. What does it mean to create a strategy that will provide reliable, safe and affordable energy? How do some of our regional industrial partners use energy to power innovation and use innovation to build the NextGen power users? What is the landscape for clean energy and green jobs and how are we competing to land smart energy users?

This event sells out so grab your tickets today.
Speaker announcements will be rolling out in the coming week.

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