

## **2011 EWEB Capitol Day**

### **Time of Property Transfer Septic Inspection Bill**

- EPA estimates 15-20% of Septic Systems are failing, posing a threat to drinking water quality.
- Time of property transfer is a relatively opportune time to require inspections and repair of failed systems.
- This is an important consumer-protection benefit to home buyers.
- This is a modest step to gradually compel repairs to failed systems and compile a database showing septic systems statewide.
- DEQ could exclude vast tracts of unpopulated or low risk areas of Oregon from the requirement.
- Please support HB

### **Stranded Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)**

- EWEB has made early investments in wind projects and other renewable before the Oregon Renewable Portfolio was under consideration.
- EWEB was a supporter of the RPS in 2007 in large part due to the promise that EWEB's renewable projects of recent vintage could be "banked" from January 1, 2007 onward and would be considered "bundled."
- If a current ODOE rulemaking process does not honor that promise, it is EWEB's top priority to see a legislative remedy restore the fulfillment of that process.
- Final rules will be issued by the end of February.
- Please consider being a cosponsor of LC 3825, sponsored by Senator Chris Edwards, which would remedy this issue, if necessary after rulemaking is completed.

### **Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC)**

- EWEB believes the BETC should be reformed and extended to resemble the modest BETC program of the 1990's.
- EWEB suggests reducing the eligible project cost percentage for renewables from 50% back to 35%, as it was before 2007, a lower incentive that still proved effective.
- EWEB recommends setting some kind of renewable project size cap to spread limited resources to a greater # of Oregonians. This cap could be anywhere from 300kw down to 80kw.
- EWEB supports maintaining existing BETC incentives for energy efficiency "as is."

## **Tentative Agenda**

6:45am – Depart EWEB

8:00am – Meet at Café Today in Capitol Basement

8:30am – Meet with Rep. Val Hoyle (Ernst)

10:00am – Meet with Rep. Nancy Nathanson (Simpson)

10:30am – Observe House and Senate Floor Sessions

1:00pm – Meet with Rep. Paul Holvey (Brown) – Thank him for sponsoring Septic Legislation

1:30pm – Meet with Sen. Floyd Prozanski (Brown) – Thank him for sponsoring Septic Legislation

2:45pm – Meet with Rep. Phil Barnhart (Cassidy) – Thank him and wife Flossie for generous Customer Care donation

TBA – Meet with Sen. Chris Edwards (Cunningham) – Thank him for sponsoring Stranded REC Legislation

3:30 – Depart for Eugene