Legislative Changes to the  
Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard  

**Senate Bill 838 (2007)** – Created the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard, under the law, Oregon utilities must deliver a percentage of their electricity from eligible renewable resources by 2025, with interim standards for large utilities.

**House Bill 3039 (2009)** – Created a solar feed-in tariff pilot program in Oregon. The program requires Oregon’s investor owned utilities to must have a capacity of greater than 500kw, but no greater than 5 MW. Each Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) created from a facility located in Oregon receives double credit for RPS compliance.

**House Bill 3633 (2010)** – Amended the goal that 8% of all Oregon load met with community renewable energy facilities to emphasize the importance of community renewable energy projects from marine renewable energy sources.

**House Bill 3649 (2010)** – Allowed up to 40 aMW from non-utility owned hydroelectric generation facilities constructed prior to 1995 to qualify annually, if the facilities are certified as low-impact hydropower and located in Oregon.

**House Bill 3674 (2010)** – Allowed energy from Oregon biomass and municipal solid waste facilities built before 1995 to qualify, if facilities registered with WREGIS by January 2011. Credits generated from these biomass facilities can be used for compliance beginning in 2026. Up to 11 aMW per year from pre-1995 municipal waste facilities can be used for compliance beginning 2026.

**House Bill 3691 (2010)** – Included above market costs as one of several authorized RPS-related costs as one of several utilities recover through electric utility rates.

**HB 3571 (2011)** – Assigned ownership of renewable energy credits to PURPA Qualified Facilities if they were generated before Nov. 30, 2005, unless otherwise expressly transferred.

**HB 2622 (2011)** – Allowed any facility which used coal as a fuel source, ends use of coal, and switches to a renewable energy source after 2011 to qualify as a “new” facility that is eligible for the RPS.