

Governor's Data Center Advisory Committee

Meeting 5 – Friday June 26, 2026

8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Webinar Registration Required:

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Topic: Data Centers, Energy Affordability, Revenue, and Incentives

Purpose of this Process: the Governor has asked “the Data Center Advisory Committee (DCAC) to identify ways to better balance the need for new economic opportunities with smart policy choices that will support our clean energy goals and ensure affordable and reliable electricity for all Oregonians. The Committee will conduct an open and public process to understand challenges and opportunities in key policy areas related to the siting of data centers in our state and then recommend actions that the State of Oregon can take” (*from Committee Charge*).

As such, the Committee’s goal is to use these public sessions to gather and share credible information from subject matter experts, firsthand experiences, real-world data, and diverse perspectives regarding Data Centers in Oregon.

To respond to the Governor’s charge, today’s session will focus on issues and ideas to

- Encourage data center siting decisions that support responsible economic development, create jobs, and increase long-term revenue that will strengthen our rural communities;
- Ensure data centers have reliable energy without burdening Oregon’s ratepayers; and
- Identify key issue areas needing to be addressed in order to develop a policy framework that will help guide the state in the responsible siting of data centers moving forward.

AGENDA

8:30 AM Welcome and Introduction to the Process and the People: Co-Chairs Margaret Hoffmann and Michael Jung, Committee members: Dan Dorrان, Greg Dotson, Bill Edmonds, Tim Miller, Jean Wilson, and Facilitator Donna Silverberg

- Committee Introductions - All
- What is this committee? What is it NOT? – Co-Chairs
- Agenda review, protocols, and ways for the public to engage – Facilitator

Part 1: ENERGY AFFORDABILITY

8:45 Panel 1: Context for Energy Affordability (75 minutes) (*Note: this committee is addressing issues related to NEW, not existing, data centers*).

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DCAC has asked the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) to provide an overview of Oregon's Power Act and a representative from public power to address the ways in which public utilities in the state are allocating costs associated with data centers:

- How does Oregon's Power Act protect the affordability of residential electrical rates? What are the Act's key principles? What effect do data centers have on the rise in residential electric rates? Since the Power Act only applies to investor-owned utilities, how are public utilities addressing the need for data centers to pay their fair share?
- Panel Discussion with DCAC.

10:00 Panel 2: Oregon Voices (50 minutes)

DCAC will hear from a local energy affordability expert and a representative from a coalition of non-governmental organizations about issues and ideas they have regarding Data Centers and affordability in Oregon.

- What are the challenges and opportunities you see/foresee? How could the state assist with these challenges and opportunities? Are there examples from other projects or states that might be illustrative for the DCAC to consider? What recommendations do you have for the DCAC to consider?
- Discussion with DCAC members

10:50-11:00 BRIEF BREAK

11:00 Thinking Outside the Box on Affordability - (30 minutes)

Invited speakers will address:

- How could utility regulations be updated to ensure electricity is affordable and reliable for all consumers? What key principles should be in play for ensuring affordable rates? How might these principles apply in Oregon?

11:30 Discussion with ALL Affordability speakers

12:00 Lunch Break

Part 2: REVENUE & INCENTIVES

12:30 Data Centers, Revenue and Incentives: Overview and Trends (1 Hour)

DCAC has asked Oregon's Department of Revenue (DOR) and Business Oregon (BO) to provide an overview of the current ways in which data centers are assessed centrally or at the local level; incentive programs used to leverage Data Center economic development; and how this infrastructure asset class impacts local and statewide revenue:

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- What tax incentive options are utilized by data centers? How do these incentives work? What is the purpose of Oregon's tax incentive options? Are they achieving/not achieving their goal? What is the impact of these tax incentives on local and statewide revenue? What is or should be the state's role?
- Discussion with DCAC members

1:30 Oregon Voices (1 Hour)

DCAC has invited representatives from a chamber of commerce, Tax Fairness Oregon, the School Board Association, and city government to reflect on their experiences with the following:

- How does a community approach entering into an enterprise zone or SIP agreement with a data center? What are structural impediments to funding/not funding communities? Does your community have the resources to structure a fair agreement?
- What, if anything, would you do differently move forward? How could we make the Community Benefit Agreement process more transparent? What are some examples of investments that occur outside of the community benefit agreements and why?
- Discussion with DCAC members

2:30 Statewide & National Perspective (45 minutes)

Invited speakers will help the DCAC understand national trends regarding how cities, counties, and states are encouraging or discouraging 'fair share' responses from data centers locating within their boundaries.

- What are the national trends? Why? What are the benefits of the trends? What are the costs or concerns of those trends? Questions and Discussion with DCAC

3:15 Afternoon Break

3:30 Public Comment/Committee Listening (30 minutes)

2-minute limit per speaker focused on Affordability and Revenue/Taxation and Data Centers. 15 people will be allowed to speak; Please register within 24-hours of the meeting and see the note below about Public Comments.

4:00 DCAC Roundtable: Connecting the Dots

- This period will allow the DCAC to discuss with each other what they are seeing and hearing through this process thus far. It will also allow them to address any lingering questions raised by presenters today or in past meetings.

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4:45 Wrap-up and Reminders of the next session (Friday, July 31st); where the public may provide written comments; and future public engagement opportunities.

5:00 Adjourn Public Meeting

Public Comments:

- The Committee will continue to dedicate 30 minutes at the end of each meeting for public comment.
- The Committee Co-Chairs held 2 listening sessions dedicated entirely to general public comments and will hold one more in early fall.
- Comments for today should be **specific to the topic area** and on the State's interests related to the topic of the meeting. Non- or multi-topical comments are welcome at the general listening sessions.
- **Individuals wishing to participate in topical public comments must request a 2-minute time slot 24-hours in advance via email to datacenter.ac@oregon.gov.**
 - Please include:
 - Name,
 - Meeting Date and Topic, and
 - A Brief Summary of Comments (that focuses on the STATE interests in the topic).
- 15 slots will be booked on a first-come-first-served basis and a balancing of comments received. The facilitator will announce the list at the start of the meeting and again at 3:30 pm. Priority may be given to those who have not spoken at prior meetings to assure the committee hears many voices.