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SB 1034 is critical in addressing a growing concern regarding the Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) and its recent trend of overriding local land use plans and regulations. Particularly in Lane County, Oregon, communities are witnessing the EFSC approve energy projects that do not align with local standards—leading to significant concerns about local control and governance. SB 1034 reinforces the original intent of Oregon's land use laws, which emphasize local involvement in decisions that impact communities. By mandating that EFSC comply with local land use plans, SB 1034 restores the balance of power between local governments and the state, ensuring that communities have a say in the energy projects that affect their land, resources, and future.

As we transition toward renewable energy, it is essential that we allow local governance to support appropriate land use plans and regulations for each area.