

# Possible Renewable Energy Benefits

## Energy system benefits

- Reduce dependence on fossil fuels
  - Stabilize long-term rates
  - Lower risk of fluctuating fuel prices or supply shortages
- Lessen reliance on centralized powerplants
- Lessen reliance on nuclear

## Environmental benefits

- Slow climate change
- Improve air quality
- Improve water quality
- Reduce water use

## Economic benefits

- Advance overall economic growth
- Build the state's clean energy industry
- Aid particular industries and economic sectors
- Allow businesses, organizations, and residents to benefit from distributed energy installations

## Public policy benefits

- Build public support for clean energy
- Position the state as a visible leader on clean energy