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Chairs Bailey and Gilliam, Members of the Committee:

My name is Diane Henkels, I reside in Portland, am a small business owner based in Portland and in Newport, and I focus a good share of my work in the energy sector providing legal and related services especially in the area of community energy. I will not be able to submit testimony in person and I submit this written testimony prior to the public hearing in these bills to bring a few points to your attention for the hearings.

- 1) HB 4079 re ODOE reporting to the legislature regarding the tax credit program. I understand this may be a placeholder and I do not know if there would be a report as per this bill. However, I am very interested in learning where the State of Oregon is in meeting goal the legislature identified in ORS 469A.210 that 8% of all retail electrical load by 2025 would be provided by community renewable energy, that is, renewable energy projects generating under 20 MW or less annually. Further, the goal also sought to have each agency identify how it was serving that 8% goal.
- 2) HB 4038 proposed to delete the provision to require jobs information in the application for a renewable incentive program grant. It would be helpful to have a clear record of why this provision is being deleted, and if the reason is because it is too difficult to track jobs creation of incentives, I hope the committee would identify alternatives it favors for this. There are tools employed to provide a jobs count, as is seen in the recent biomass tax credit jobs impact report, tools utilized by the National Renewable Energy Lab. Also, if the metric is deleted in the application process, it would be good to require on the completion of the project information on what employment was generated in order to find out if local (Oregon-based) businesses, not to mention small businesses are used to plan and assess, supply and install, operate and monitor a given project.

Thank you for your attention to this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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