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Senator Ginny Burdick, Chair Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue Oregon State Capitol Salem, OR 97301

## RE: House Bill 2435-A7

Dear Senator Burdick,

I am writing in support of House Bill 2435-A7. Renewable Northwest Project is a regional advocacy group whose mission is to promote the implementation of environmentally responsible renewable resources, such as wind, solar and geothermal, in the Northwest.

RNP wholeheartedly endorses this legislation to allow power generated from geothermal energy to be net-metered for the purposes of serving on-site load. Electricity generated on-site from a broad array of clean power sources can already be net-metered, including solar, wind, hydro, gas from waste, and some biomass. The addition of geothermal to this list would provide support to an emerging and promising source of clean power in Oregon. Furthermore, the amendment would support technology programs that would provide a research and education focus for public universities such as Oregon Tech.

We would be very grateful for your support of this amendment.

Sincerely,

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