



February 6, 2017

Representative Ken Helm, Chair
House Energy and Environment Committee
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 2133

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

We write to express our support HB 2133 and the technical fix amendments. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming. Climate Solutions is a founding member of Renew Oregon, a large and diverse coalition of more than 160 businesses, non-profits, faith, and community organizations that strongly supported SB 1547, the historic Clean Energy and Coal Transition bill from 2016.

Senate Bill 1547 positioned Oregon at the forefront of the clean energy transition nationwide. The transition from coal to clean energy is critical step toward achieving Oregon's legislated greenhouse gas reduction goals and safeguarding the health and well-being of all Oregonians. The coalition that supported SB 1547 in 2016 agreed to cap biomass in this way last session, but the fix didn't make it into the legislation in time, thus HB 2133 with the forthcoming amendments, are a simple fix to bring clarity to what was intended in the 8% small-scale renewable requirement in SB 1547.

Part of the climate-smart energy transition encourages diverse small-scale renewable projects. By ensuring no single facility exceeds 20 megawatts in capacity, this "biomass fix" bill ensures no one or two mega-biomass projects consume most, or all of, the 8% small-scale renewable requirement. This will leave more room to support small projects, especially solar and wind energy projects.

Climate Solutions supports HB 2133 and encourages the Committee to support this bill as a technical fix to a historic existing policy. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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