



House Committee on Water  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

March 8, 2021

RE: Testimony in Support of HB 3221, the Oregon Renewable Options Program

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Owens, Vice Chair Reardon, and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is writing in support of HB 3221, a bill that supports furthering development of local clean energy projects in Oregon, including clean, renewable solar and storage technologies.

OSSIA is a trade association representing businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar industry stakeholders to provide a unified and respected voice of the solar industry on the solar value chain; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar projects on the local, state and regional level.

We support the Oregon Renewable Options Program, established by HB 3221, which will help OSSIA achieve our mission to make solar energy a significant energy source and expand markets by strengthening the industry and developing a skilled and stable workforce. Additionally, solar and storage installations can provide community resilience benefits by enabling continued electricity service to critical services during emergencies and public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events. HB 3221 provides a voluntary pathway for communities and local renewable energy developers to increase the amount of clean energy powering Oregon's grid (including solar power), help create clean energy jobs, and help increase community resilience and sustainability.

We value government policies that prioritize accountability and transparency, enable businesses to plan for future hiring and expansion decisions, and enable safe and efficient installations that provide positive impacts for businesses, consumers, and job growth. OSSIA appreciates HB 3221's approach to creating a green tariff program which gives local renewable energy developers a clear path to making clean energy projects viable and provides transparency into how new rates are determined through oversight by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) and review by an independent evaluator.

HB 3221 would increase community resilience and increase the reach of clean, affordable renewable solar and storage technologies across Oregon. We respectfully request your support of HB 3221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Crowley-Koch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Angela" being the most prominent.

Angela Crowley-Koch  
Executive Director