

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy for All.

HB 2021 will help move Oregon forward toward a low carbon future. It will:

Incentivise community-based energy projects, such as solar plus storage that increase energy independence, affordability, and disaster-resilience.

Require strong labor standards for new clean energy projects that hire local people, pay the prevailing wage and provide good benefits, and reserve opportunities for apprenticeships.

Prioritize benefits and avoid harms to environmental justice communities including BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), low-income communities, Tribes, and rural and coastal communities.

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, wildfires, and widespread lost income, there's never been a more important time for energy policy that helps us all recover and build back--especially those who have been hit hardest by these crises. Clean energy can create opportunities in every community across Oregon. New projects can create good jobs and local economic and resiliency benefits.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021. Please support a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard with good jobs and community-based energy projects for Oregonians.

Sincerely,
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