

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

I'm grateful to be able to testify in support of House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy for All. As a resident of Ashland, OR for the last 4.5 years, I'm so pleased that legislation like this is being proposed. I've been active in supporting renewable energy technologies since 1973, built a passive solar greenhouse on my home in 1976, the first in Kansas City area. So you can imagine my joy to be living in a state that considers such comprehensive and deeply needed legislation.

With your support of House Bill 2021 at this critical time in the history of our state with our recent wildfires and pandemic creative, Oregon can lead the way in what is needed countrywide. We've known for decades that clean energy promotes a healthier environment and economy and this bill can move that along.

I witnessed the Almeda Fire just north of my home, and know of the potential to rebuild these areas with energy conservation, passive solar and community solar as basic principles of new construction. I once facilitated community energy planning in local communities in Kansas, and know that investment in these technologies builds local economies and sends fewer dollars outside the community. Coupled with local regenerative agriculture and forestry, Oregon can stand as a model to other states on what is possible to bring us into balance with natural ecosystems.

When Oregon adopts a 100% Clean Energy Standard, we go a long way towards building local economies with valuable and meaningful employment, increasing resiliency during climate challenges, and take us into a more socially just economy to benefit all people, not just the fossil fuel corporate powers.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021. I look forward to hearing that you support this badly needed legislation and that it gets passed by all your colleagues!

Sincerely,  
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