

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

Thank you for the opportunity to let you know my *strong support* for
Oregon House Bill 2021 – 100% Clean Energy for All.

I am a Professor Emerita from Oregon College of Art and Craft, and a practicing studio artist.
I have lived in Oregon since childhood.

It feels imperative to me that we move our state (and our country) *away* from fossil fuels – *by building systems that are clean and based on renewables* – and the clock is ticking.

Our new president Joe Biden has committed to 100% Clean Energy nationally. We, in Oregon, can go this vow further by ensuring that ALL of our community members have access to, and can benefit from, this critical transition.

Our state (alongside the greater country and world in general) has been beset by increasing debacles, so many of them climate-change related – devastating wildfires and other extreme weather events, alongside the more recent pandemic creating very sad economic and health ramifications. All of these things affect all of us, but certain communities have been hit the hardest, and with this bill could be able to find this transition as an opportunity, rather than be left behind. This is *the* time to ensure that we build a strong, resilient and clean energy economy for our mutually beloved state. And we CAN and must build back stronger, while doing this with justice and opportunities for those among us that need it the most.

Oregon's House Bill — 100% Clean Energy For ALL

as I am sure you well know, is a bill that will build:

- wise energy policy, ensuring good jobs for our Oregon workers, and
- community-based projects that will rely on both local energy generation and ownership

Also, renewables are fast becoming the cheapest and easiest power source for us to harness here. And we even have the opportunity to collect more than we need, store it and export it. What a win-win!

Our state can step forward, like we have done many other times, and be a national leader in this.
I urge you to vote YES on House Bill 2021.

Respectfully,

Georgiana Nehl