

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony concerning House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy for All. I am a resident of Portland. I am retired, so I currently volunteer in service of frontline communities, advocating for a Green New Deal and promoting climate justice policy.

Oregon must accelerate its progress towards its climate goals, which must include transitioning our electric power to 100% renewable sources. I fully support the interim goals in HB 2021 for 80% renewable power sources by 2030 and 90% renewable power sources by 2035.

In addition to interim goals, we must make the transition to a clean energy system through a just transition. Our transition must create clean energy jobs through incentives for renewable energy projects in Oregon with strong labor standards that require hiring local workers, paying living wages and providing good benefits. Our transition must prioritize communities who have been left behind by previous policies: specifically BIPOC, indigenous, low income and rural communities.

Incentives for community-based clean energy projects and community-owned clean energy cooperatives are also important to our transition. Community-based energy programs will increase program acceptance by creating local stakeholders. Local generation with a local smart grid will also improve community resilience.

I urge the committee to support a robust process to create legislation that achieves these multiple, interdependent goals. We must immediately accelerate Oregon's progress towards 100% renewable sources and a strong clean energy job market.

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