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Comments in support of HB 2021/3180

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

Thank you for your hard work on HB 2021. Your effort is appreciated and so very needed. As you heard in testimony yesterday, WA and CA and other states are now ahead of us in adopting a 100% Clean Electricity deadline, and it is now past our turn. Meanwhile, the planet continues to warm.

I have not followed the technical details that are debated among the experts, but I have faith that you and many talented stakeholders will work out a bill that everyone can support. My message about it is simple:

- 1) **We cannot delay.** Virtually all stakeholders say that our current RPS is not moving rapidly enough to save our way of life, Oregon's economy and our well-being. Strong, interim goals must be set in addition to the ultimate goal of 100% Clean by 2040 or earlier.
- 2) Loud and clear, we hear that the bill needs to **incentivize building projects in Oregon.** Renewable projects can be a huge benefit to rural and coastal communities.
- 3) **Climate equity needs to be centered.** HB 2995 was originally brought to you by heavily impacted communities who are demanding a clean energy future for all Oregonians.
- 4) **Moving rapidly to 100% Clean will be the most cost-effective path.** We can no longer believe those who say that we cannot afford a better future.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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