

HB 3375 Testimony

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40 years ago , in 1980 when I was first running for the legislature I campaigned on tapping our renewable resources to support our economy.

I campaigned with a beautiful silk screen poster made by a local artist imprinted with these words: “by utilizing ... renewable resources we can gain energy independence and create jobs for our people.”

That’s what I said in 1980 – and it’s even more true today.

It’s been a steady energy learning curve for me – 1981 in the Oregon House, 1985 Oregon Senate, 1999 Secretary of State, 2011 NW Power and Conservation Council and now 2021 OCEAN board member.

I’ve lived on the South Coast for over 50 years – it’s almost always windy – but what I didn’t know is it’s even windier a few miles west in the ocean. The wind resource off our coast is called “the Saudi Arabia of wind!” **Let’s tap it!**

Passing 3375 is an important first step that gets us started on this remarkable renewable energy opportunity and as I said in 1980 “creates jobs for our people.”

The OCEAN board unanimously supports this amended bill and asks for one amendment to include organized labor with other state, regional and national entities gathering input on the challenges and opportunities of OSW.

Thankyou