



April 20, 2021

To: Senator Lee Beyer, Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Senator Lynn Findley, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Members, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Angela Crowley-Koch, Executive Director, Oregon Solar + Solar Industries Association (OSSIA) and Diane Brandt, Oregon Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest

Re: Testimony re: HB 2109

Dear Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee;

Renewable Northwest is a regional, non-profit renewable energy advocacy organization based in Oregon, dedicated to decarbonizing the region by accelerating the transition to renewable electricity. Our members are a combination of renewable energy businesses and environmental and consumer groups. Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar industry stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar value chain: from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar projects on the local, state, and regional level.

Renewable Northwest and OSSIA would like to reiterate their support of HB 2109, to clarify procedural requirements for the Energy Facility Siting Council and the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD).

As mentioned in prior testimony to the House Committee on Energy and Environment on February 17, 2021, the passage of HB 2329 in 2019 triggered an unintended requirement which would cost DLCD a considerable amount of funding. This technical fix in HB 2109 would serve


Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senator Lynn Findley, Vice Chair
Members of Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
April 20, 2021
Page 2

to clarify this and, as the intent of HB 2329 was not to create an unfunded DLCD mandate, Renewable Northwest and OSSIA support this bill as currently presented.

Sincerely,



Diane Brandt
Oregon Policy Manager
Renewable Northwest



Angela Crowley-Koch
Executive Director
Oregon Solar + Storage Industries
Association