

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Pham and Reschke and Revenue Committee Members:

I write to you in strong support of HB 2021A with the -5 and -9 amendments on behalf of the hundreds of deeply concerned members of our local grassroots climate action group.

Implementing HB 2021 will not only reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, but will also provide in-state markets and hundreds of green job opportunities for solar renewables in Eastern Oregon and floating offshore wind offshore at Coos Bay, and throughout other parts of Oregon.

This bill's support for development of community renewable energy projects will become increasingly important as self-sustaining, redundant local energy infrastructure sources during wildfire, flooding or other natural disasters which are guaranteed challenges in our future.

The -5 and -9 amendments will ensure local energy infrastructure development with good paying jobs with benefits. They will also ensure that the most environmentally polluted and underemployed communities are directly involved in project development.

Our team members hope you are as keenly aware as you need to be that emission reductions in Oregon directly improve our local air quality, snowpack, and act directly to mitigate current and future drought and fire dangers.

Please vote Yes on HB 2021A. Thank you.

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