



February 17, 2021

To: Rep. Pam Marsh, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Rep. Ken Helm, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Rep. David Brock Smith, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Members, House Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Angela Crowley-Koch, Executive Director, Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association (OSEIA) and Max Greene, Regulatory & Policy Director, Renewable Northwest

Re: Testimony re: HB 2109

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, 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 Energy Industries Association (OSEIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSEIA 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 OSEIA encourage the Committee to support passage of HB 2109, to clarify procedural requirements for the Energy Facility Siting Council and the Department of Land Development and Conservation (DLCDC).

When HB 2329 was passed in 2019, it inadvertently triggered a requirement that, if enacted, would cost DLCDC a considerable amount of funding. The intention was not to create a new unfunded mandate for DLCDC and so OSEIA and RNW support this technical fix.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Max Greene, consisting of a stylized first name and a last name.

Max Greene
Regulatory & Policy Director
Renewable Northwest

A blue ink signature of Angela Crowley-Koch, written in a cursive style.

Angela Crowley-Koch
Executive Director
Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association