



February 8, 2023

To: Representative Pam Marsh, Chair, House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
Members of the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee
From: Diane Brandt, Oregon State Director, Renewable Northwest
Re: **Support for HB2530-1**

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

Renewable Northwest (“RNW”) 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. **Renewable Northwest supports the anticipated -1 amendment to HB 2530, which was not OLIS at the time of submitting this testimony, that provides needed clarity on definitions of green electrolytic and renewable hydrogen.**

Studies suggest that green hydrogen can play an important role in a decarbonized grid and clean energy economy. However, defining “green hydrogen” has been a challenge given the complexity of determining and tracking what energy resources are used to create hydrogen, resulting in a confusing array of classifications and disagreements on what qualifies as “green hydrogen.” HB 2530-1 offers clarity in this complicated space by clearly defining “green electrolytic hydrogen” and “renewable hydrogen” - having a state policy that makes clear what it considers to be “green electrolytic hydrogen” and “renewable hydrogen” will make future discussions on hydrogen easier and enable focused conversations on this emerging technology.

RNW recognizes that this amendment language is the result of a lengthy discussion, and appreciates the consensus language that we understand will be in the anticipated amendment which focuses on the hydrogen definitions. Again, we see the negotiated amendment language as beneficial as it gives clarity on how Oregon defines green hydrogen - something that will be key to ongoing and future energy discussions that include hydrogen.

Renewable Northwest is pleased to support the anticipated -1 amendment to HB2530 as we understand it offers needed clarity on Oregon’s definitions of green electrolytic and renewable hydrogen.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Brandt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diane Brandt
Renewable Northwest

