



House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

February 13, 2023

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Levy, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar and storage technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar and storage 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 and storage projects on the local, state and regional level.

OSSIA supports passage of HB 2534 with the -1 amendment. Oregon has a unique opportunity to take advantage of federal incentives for clean energy development. We are well-poised to attract outside investment that will bring economic benefits, jobs and property tax revenue to our state. However, all 50 states are competing for this investment and without a strategy, Oregon might lose out.

HB 2534 as put forward in the -1 amendment will convene a stakeholder process to inform the creation of several scenarios for clean energy progress in Oregon. This scenario development is critical to explore Oregon's options becoming energy resilient and clean. Currently, Oregon largely depends on out-of-state coal and gas to keep our lights on, which does not bring economic benefits to Oregonians. With a statewide energy strategy we will have the ability to consider different options and maximize federal dollars to support our state's goals.

OSSIA urges the adoption of the -1 amendment and passage of the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Crowley-Koch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Crowley-Koch
Executive Director