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Chair Marsh
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3160

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

With the passage of HB 2021 two years ago, Oregon became a global leader in the clean energy transition. As we progress on our state's clean energy transition, it will be important that OPUC concurrently track progress on both HB 2021's clean energy requirements and the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard. HB 3161 would streamline these reporting requirements, thereby creating efficiencies for both OPUC and stakeholders. We support this measure. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

HB 2021 substantially changed, and improved, OPUC's oversight of IOUs by requiring a Clean Energy Plan to be submitted alongside the Integrated Resource Plan. These two documents together inform the IOU's progress in transitioning to 100% clean energy. Because the RPS requirements predate HB 2021, and are related, folding RPS reporting into the umbrella of the IRP/CEP is efficient. This removes the need for PGE and PacifiCorp to file separate applications for OPUC review and approval describing their plans to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standards and confirms that these entities will instead submit this information as part of the IPR/CEP development mandate under HB 2021, HB 3161 would save OPUC and stakeholders time and resources on preparing and reviewing a separate report on matters that will already be addressed in other mandated utility planning actions.

HB 3161 also requires IOUs, COUs, and ESS's to file an annual compliance report for the purpose of detailing compliance, or failure to comply, with the renewable portfolio standard applicable in the compliance year. This reporting requirement together with the one referenced above will give OPUC and stakeholders important insights into electricity providers' compliance with the RPS.

OPUC does valuable work on behalf of Oregonians in ensuring we have reliable, affordable, and clean energy – no small feat. Given the important work being done by OPUC and stakeholders, and the resource constraints affecting both, it is important to streamline reporting requirements when possible. We believe HB 3161 contributes to this objective.

Sincerely,

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