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Co-chairs Dembrow and Pham, members of the Committee, for the record my name is Diane Daly Chavez of Salem Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 5016, a bill that would provide biennial funding for the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE).

Ever-worsening climate impacts across the state have made clearer than ever the need to maintain a resilient and affordable energy system.

It is therefore essential that the legislature adequately fund the Oregon Department of Energy, an agency with a mission to do just that.

Oregon is stronger and better positioned to navigate the innovations and changes in energy sectors if our state energy department is well-resourced and able to provide decision-makers with technical and policy expertise.

ODOE has a critical role to play in helping the state achieve its climate goals. ODOE can help inform and ensure the strongest possible climate outcomes for our children's future.

Likewise, ODOE will have a key role to play in leveraging and administering unprecedented federal funding and incentives for clean energy.

ODOE works on behalf of Oregonians to lead our state to a safe, clean, and sustainable energy future

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support SB 5016. Thank you for your time.