



March 13, 2023

Representative Pam Marsh, Chair
House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon Legislature

Re: Environment Oregon supports House Bill 3418

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

Environment Oregon is a statewide, member-based environmental advocacy organization working for clean air, clean water, open space and a liveable climate. We support House Bill 3418 because we believe Oregon should continue to incentivize rooftop solar across the state to achieve our climate goals, reduce energy costs for consumers, and increase the resiliency of the electrical grid.

The appeal of solar energy is simple: sunlight is abundant, present pretty much everywhere, and infinitely renewable. As a renewable energy resource, solar has enormous potential to help reduce carbon emissions and air pollution by replacing energy from fossil fuels. In addition, rooftop solar installations give homeowners the opportunity to increase their energy independence and save money on their electricity bill while augmenting the resiliency of the electrical grid as a whole.

House Bill 3418 would extend Oregon's successful Solar + Storage rebate program, to continue to help reduce costs, drive installation, and make rooftop solar a possibility for all Oregonians.

Environment Oregon urges your support for House Bill 3418.

Sincerely,

Celeste Meiffren-Swango
State Director