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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure: SB870

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-chair Findley, and members of the committee,

I live in Tillamook County and I support the Buildings Resilience package-- SB 868, 869, 870 and 871.

The goal of SB 870 is to increase efficiency and reduce global warming emissions in large commercial buildings, and thereby make workers and customers safer while reducing long utility bills for building owners and reducing strain on the grid. Though the scope is limited to large commercial buildings, this will still have large positive effects: Six percent of buildings represent approximately 50 percent of floor space nationally, according to the U.S. EIA .

I support the flexible menu of improvements in this bill, which acknowledges that one size does not fit all: For instance in Portland an air source heat pump might be cheapest and most efficient while in Seneca a ground source heat pump might be needed.

I also support the long-term certainty provisions in this bill. These will help building owners plan for efficiency and resilience upgrades for their buildings while stimulating the local economy by creating local, family-wage jobs across the state that can't be outsourced.

Thank you,
Helena Birecki