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Measure: HB2816

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy, Members of the Committee –

My name is Rich Peppers, I live in Portland's Montevilla neighborhood, and I would like to encourage you to pass HB 2816 with the -3 amendments. I am here both as an interested individual but also speaking on behalf of the Metro Climate Action Team (MCAT) which is a community of volunteers working to help meet the challenges from climate change.

As you already know about this bill, and we agree with, it seeks to protect the clean energy goals established a few sessions ago with HB 2021. HB 2816 (with the -3 amendments) does that by requiring new developments of high-energy-using data centers or crypto-currency mining operations to also meet the HB 2021 phase-in steps toward 100% Clean by 2040.

I want to recognize that many of these high-energy-demand companies are already publicly committed to doing as well as or better than the HB 2021 goals. HB 2816 would simply ensure those companies stick to their public commitments, with a floor of the HB 2021 phase-in targets, and that no companies seek to gain a competitive advantage over others by putting our climate and health at risk.

I encourage adoption of the -3s and passage of HB 2816. Thank you.