



House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Marsh and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar and storage industry stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar value chain; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar projects on the local, state, and regional level.

OSSIA supports HB 3579 -1 amendment, which creates a Task Force on Establishing, Attracting and Sustaining Manufacturing of Clean Energy Technology and the Oregon Clean Technology Manufacturing Opportunity Fund. Clean energy technology is a growing industry around the world and Oregon has fallen behind other states in attracting manufacturers. Federal legislation has created new incentives, on both the supply and demand side, to increase domestic manufacturing of clean energy technology. There will be an increase in domestic clean energy manufacturing; the question is, will it be made in Oregon? While more could be done, HB 3579-1 takes first steps toward attracting more clean tech manufacturing jobs to Oregon so that Oregonians can benefit from this growing sector.

OSSIA respectfully urges the committee to pass HB 3579-1.

Sincerely,

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