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Chair Holvey, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Sosa and members of the Committee-

My name is Marshall McGrady and I am the Political Director for IBEW Local 48. We represent over 6000 electrical workers in NW Oregon and SW Washington.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in regards to HB 4080. IBEW Local 48 strongly supports this bill. Offshore wind is vital to Oregon reaching its energy goals set forth in HB 2021. Offshore wind will create thousands of construction and manufacturing jobs and revitalize the economy on the Oregon coast. However, it is up to lawmakers to ensure that these jobs align with federal regulations and previous legislation that establishes high-road career pathways.

This policy places strong labor standards and workforce diversification goals as a priority. These standards will help ensure that the communities most impacted by Offshore wind will reap the benefits. Despite arguments to the contrary, investing in Oregon's workforce and ensuring that workers are paid fair wages and benefits is not a waste of resources-in fact it will only further enhance the benefits to a region that has struggled economically for years.

We strongly encourage your support of HB 4080.



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