



February 12, 2024

To: Representative Pam Marsh, Chair, House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee
Representative Emerson Levy, Vice Chair, House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee
Representative Bobby Levy, Vice Chair, House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee
Members of the House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee
From: Emily Griffith, Oregon Policy Manager, Renewable Northwest
Re: Support for HB 4112: Clean Technology Leadership

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Levy, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Renewable Northwest (“RNW”) is a regional, non-profit renewable energy advocacy organization based here in Oregon, dedicated to decarbonizing the region by accelerating the transition to renewable electricity. Our members include renewable energy developers, environmental organizations, and consumer groups. Renewable Northwest is pleased to support HB 4112.

With this bill, the state of Oregon has the opportunity to lead the nation in the clean technology economy. As the nation and the whole world transition to a clean energy economy, clean technology manufacturing will need to expand. Sixty billion dollars of incentives from the Inflation Reduction Act are available to leverage domestic manufacturing across the clean energy supply chain. Companies across the world are seeking to secure these funds and establish clean technology manufacturing in the U.S. HB 4112 can ensure Oregon’s competitiveness, and secure job creation and economic growth for Oregon communities.

Renewable Northwest supports the bill’s solutions to:

1. Create a \$20M fund within Business Oregon to support companies in establishing, retooling, or expanding clean energy technology manufacturing facilities in Oregon.
2. Direct the Department of Administrative Services to develop a statewide policy to evaluate and procure zero-emission technologies that promote creation of clean tech jobs and manufacturing in the state.
3. Establish an Advisory Council to identify additional strategic policy mechanisms for Oregon to attract, grow, and sustain clean energy technology companies.

These solutions align with Renewable Northwest’s and our members’ goals to accelerate the transition to renewable electricity, while at the same time, delivering economic



benefits to Oregon communities. The state of Oregon is known for environmental leadership and our strong goals to reduce GHG emissions from electricity sold to Oregon consumers. Therefore, the state has a responsibility to ensure that the economic growth and prosperity from the clean energy transition is going to Oregon communities as well.

For these reasons, we urge you to support HB 4112.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Griffith".

Emily Griffith
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Renewable Northwest