



February 12, 2024

Chair Sollman
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 1525

Chair Sollman and Members of the Committee,

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. Oregon is rapidly transitioning to clean energy. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is responsible for a number of critical programs that support our transition. Several provisions of ODOE's statutory adjustments package are necessary to enhance these programs. **We support the ODOE statutory adjustment provisions in SB 1525 with the -3 and -4 amendments.**

Of particular importance are the provisions relating to:

- The Community Renewable Energy Grant Program – Allowing both applicants and partners to incur project costs, and extending eligibility to PNGC Power, will strengthen the program.
- The Community Heat Pump Deployment Program - Transferring funds to the Oregon Rental Home Heat Pump Program and requiring that they be spent in unserved regions and Tribes will create more inclusivity and equity in the program.

We are neutral on SB 1525 with the -2 amendment. The -2 amendment ensures that resources in the Distributed Standby Generator program will transition to renewable fuels. This is crucial in order to decarbonize resources in the program. Additionally, the reporting provisions in the -2 amendment will create transparency. Climate Solutions is grateful for PGE's willingness to thoughtfully engage with stakeholders on these requirements for the DSG program.

Sincerely,

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