

Joint Committee on Ways and Means subcommittee on Natural Resources Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

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RE-SB 5528, Department of Land Conservation and Development Budget

Dear Co-chair Frederick, Co-chair Levy, 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 and storage value chains; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar and storage projects on the local, state and regional level.

OSSIA supports DLCD budget items that support counties in their planning work. Counties perform critical solar permitting and siting work and need sufficient resources to support them. We support any technical support grants, in particular the General Fund grant program.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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