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Good morning, Members of the Committee. My name is Allie Detrio, senior advisor for the Microgrid Resources Coalition.

The MRC strongly supports HB 2064 to create new guidelines and regulations for community microgrid development in Oregon, which alongside HB 2066, will clear other barriers to project deployment like siting, zoning, and permitting issues. This legislation will enable local governments and communities to more easily plan for and build out more sophisticated microgrid projects that may connect multiple facilities or customers together to operate on a district or community scale. Not only would this greatly increase local resilience and energy independence, but it would also allow local governments and communities to take advantage of economies of scale in the development of new microgrid projects, which further reduces implementation and operating costs, while expanding access to their benefits more widely within the region or locality.

The MRC respectfully requests your aye vote on HB 2064 and I am here to answer any follow up questions. Thank you for your time and attention.

<u>/s/ Allie Detrio</u>

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