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

The MRC strongly supports HB 2065 to create new opportunities for third parties to assist with microgrid interconnection, which alongside HB 2066 and HB 2064, will clear the major barriers to microgrid deployment in Oregon. This bill will enable qualified third parties to conduct engineering studies and technical evaluations for the interconnection of new microgrid projects. By permitting third party engineers and consultants to do more of the technical analysis and upfront “legwork” required for interconnection to the distribution system, the state of Oregon will create smoother, more efficient project development pathways that will allow new microgrids to come online more expeditiously to meet local energy needs and advance state policy goals.

Enabling third parties to conduct interconnection studies and engineering evaluations in partnership with utilities will significantly reduce interconnection timelines and project costs, as well as spur new project development activity, job creation and economic growth in the state. HB 2065 will also create new opportunities for more energy industry collaboration and promote the advancement of new technologies and innovations in the power sector, thereby accelerating the maturation of the microgrid market in Oregon and yield many new grid modernization achievements for the state.

The MRC respectfully requests your aye vote on HB 2065 and I am here to answer any follow up questions. Thank you for your time and attention today.

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