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Good morning, members. My name is Zoe Bennett, and I am the senior policy analyst with Reimagine Power. RP is a boutique consulting firm that specializes in microgrids, community resiliency policies, and market strategies throughout the Western United States. I'd like to build upon previous comments to further support the passage of HB 2066.

This bill is a critical component to the success of deploying microgrids in Oregon. As part of our work, Reimagine Power has conducted extensive research into the microgrid markets in many states across the country. The greatest barrier that has reappeared time after time is a lack of a clear regulatory framework and development pathways for microgrids that ensure market certainty and efficient deployment of new projects.

In my testimony for HB 2064 I will speak further on the success of several newly deployed systems in Colorado. This state has taken great strides in the industry; however, these projects have largely depended on grant programs like Colorado's '[Microgrids for Community Resilience Program](#)', which has been very successful to-date, but does not create a market sustaining monetization pathway for microgrids. Further, the lack of legal clarity on the rules governing microgrid project design and implementation in Colorado has been a major impediment to potential customers, communities, and developers who are seeking to build these systems more widely.

HB 2066 would take Oregon a step beyond these barriers. Creating more regulatory certainty with the passage of this bill would immediately position the state to be a national leader in microgrid development and spur significant new market activity, creating new jobs, reducing customer energy costs, mitigating large scale infrastructure risks, and bolstering resiliency in communities across the state of Oregon.

HB 2066 will provide regulatory clarity and smooth the pathways necessary for communities to build more resilient clean energy solutions and collectively achieve multiple Oregon policy goals. We urge the committee to support the passage of this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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