

House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and 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 urges this committee to pass HB 3081 because Oregonians need more support navigating hundreds of available energy efficiency upgrades and rebates. When Oregonians want to go solar they face the challenge of navigating incentives from their own utility, which sometimes are administered by a third party, federal tax credits and state programs. The Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) One-stop Shop for energy incentives is an excellent website that we'd like to see put to good use and have supported by the Department. Incentives change and ODOE staff is needed to maintain a list of current incentives.

OSSIA requests that ODOE work closely with other groups like Energy Trust of Oregon that have lists of vetted solar and energy efficiency contractors, so that work to create and manage lists is not duplicated.

OSSIA urges your support of HB 3081 to ensure that Oregon customers have a neutral party to support them in finding energy incentives.

Sincerely,

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