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I have a small (3.2 kW) solar array on my house in Milwaukie, OR and it provides almost one third of the electricity I use each year. I am writing in support of HB 3609 requiring power companies to set up a distributed power plant (DPP) program. The program would use rooftop solar and battery storage tech to act as a power source to support the larger grid. This would save customers money, help prevent outages, and reduce the need for operating fossil-fuel based generators to meet peak demand.

The financial incentives of a DPP program enable more people to adopt solar energy, battery storage, and other distributed energy resources. This means DPPs also spur much-needed economic development, private investment, innovation and technology development.