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RE: HB 3477 – SUPPORT

House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Committee Members:

Friends of the Columbia Gorge (“Friends”) is a non-profit organization with approximately 5,000 members. Friends is dedicated to protecting and enhancing the scenic, cultural, recreation, and natural resources of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area (“Gorge”). Friends’ priorities include policies focused on climate change mitigation and preparing the Gorge to adapt to climate change.

Friends supports HB 3477 which will set more ambitious targets for Oregon to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. These adjusted targets are consistent with practices to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. This bill would replace the 2050 goal to be in line with current scientific findings and sets interim goals for 2030 and 2040 to be used as benchmarks for progress. Additionally, this bill states that it would be a policy goal for the state to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050 and maintain net-negative emissions thereafter.

Please support HB 3477, a key step for Oregon to reduce its emissions and limit the effects of climate change.

Sincerely,
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Conservation Organizer