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On Behalf Of: MCAT and self  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3681

Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

My name is Genevieve Hall. I am a resident of Fairview, and I organize with Mobilizing Climate Action Together, a volunteer group that advocates for a healthy climate and green economy.

I testify in support of HB 3681 because it is essential to the expansion of clean energy – and therefore climate change mitigation – in Oregon. Overly complex, duplicative permitting processes delay project construction. Every delay maintains the fossil-fuel dependent status quo of the electric grid and obstructs the onboarding of the newest, cheapest electricity generation. Moreover, this bill offers a real opportunity to reduce government expenses without compromising the quality of the outcome (i.e., reduce government waste) by proposing common-sense reforms that target specific points of friction.

In particular, I strongly support the following terms:

- Guaranteed two-time deadline extension for negotiation with Bonneville Power Authority. Developers should not be penalized for inefficiencies that are not their fault.
- Minor site boundary changes without the need for a new Energy Facility Siting Council (EFSC) site certificate and extended deadlines for construction for companies holding site certificates. These changes should reduce EFSC workload and associated delays.
- Accelerate reviews of EFSC cases and require proof of legal standing to appeal EFSC decisions. Projects should not be bogged down for years in legal reviews.

Please support this bill so that Oregon has a better chance of reaching its climate goals.

Respectfully,

Genevieve Hall