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To: House Climate Energy and Environment Committee From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) Re: IN SUPPORT OF HB 3477 Date: March 11, 2025

Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the House Committee on Climate Energy and Environment:

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) **supports HB 3477 and urges you to pass this important legislation.** COIN is a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians. The Indivisible Project was founded to help ordinary citizens engage in the democratic process. Thank you for the opportunity to do so through public testimony.

For many of our members, protecting Oregon's environment, including addressing climate change, is a top priority. Thus, we support the stronger goals for reducing Oregon's Greenhouse Gas Emissions presented in HB 3477. However, we are concerned that this bill provides no mechanism to ensure we actually achieve these goals.

Oregon's climate policy now needs updating to clearly reflect these new targets and provide the needed mechanism. Thus far, that policy has not produced any significant reduction in Oregon's GHG emissions. In fact, <u>based on DEQ data</u>, <u>2023 statewide</u> <u>emissions were 5% higher than 1990 levels</u>. Emissions from transportation and electricity use continue to be Oregon's largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions. We understand the problem. We have the goals. Now we need to move beyond wishful thinking and into real action.

Respectfully,

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