



March 11, 2025

Chair Lively
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3681-1

Chair Lively and Members of the Committee,

Oregon must expand and modernize our transmission system to accommodate load growth, ensure reliability, and accelerate our clean energy transition. Timelines for transmission project permitting must match the urgency of our decarbonization trajectory. Climate Solutions supports HB 3681 with the -1 amendment. Climate Solutions is a clean energy nonprofit organization working to accelerate solutions to the climate crisis. The Northwest has emerged as a hub of climate action, and Climate Solutions is at the center of the movement as a catalyst and advocate.

HB 3681 clarifies the appeals process for site certificates in two important ways. First, it ensures that EFSC resolves contested cases within 12 months. Second, it clarifies that EFSC determinations must be appealed directly to the Supreme Court, making the resolution of such appeals more efficient. These reforms will ensure timely resolution of appeals while retaining existing procedures.

In order to meet projected load growth with clean energy, Oregon will need to swiftly expand our transmission system and bring generating resources online. HB 3681-1 strikes an appropriate balance between the rights of appellants and the need for timely disposition of site certificate appeals.

For these reasons, we urge your support for HB 3681 with the -1 amendment.

Sincerely,

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