



House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

March 10, 2025

Subject: *CREA Testimony in support of HB-3681*

Honorable Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the committee:

Thank you for opportunity to testify in support of [HB 3681](#) on behalf of the Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA). CREA is an ORS 190 intergovernmental association. Members include counties, irrigation districts, councils of government, project developers, for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. CREA supports business and economic opportunities through renewable energy development in a competitive environment. We support use of free enterprise principles to create economically and environmentally responsible electric generation within the State of Oregon.

CREA supports passage of HB 3681 with the [-1 amendment](#) to help create certainty for more developers and reduce the time spent on contested cases. CREA would like to see a timeline to force the conclusion of a contested case. Right now, cases can drag on for years, wasting time and money as developers try to put into place more renewable energy across the state. These contested cases arise after the public hearings and proposed order, which already takes several years. With a limitation on the timelines for contested case, projects will continue to be delayed, pushing out the benefits of more renewable energy, economic investment, resilience and taxpayer revenues.

The -1 amendment includes provisions for minor amendments or construction delays to projects the Council has already approved. This piece will help reduce unnecessary costs and burden for those who are making minor changes to their projects with no downside to the public.

Please pass HB 3681 and the -1 amendment at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Williams', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

James Williams
CREA Executive Director