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I am writing to express my strong support for SB 1160, which requires the State Department of Energy to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on deploying renewable energy projects in our state. This legislation is a crucial step toward ensuring that we make informed decisions about our energy future and maximize the benefits of renewable energy for our communities.

As we face the challenges of climate change and the need for sustainable energy solutions, it is imperative that we carefully evaluate the economic, environmental, and social impacts of transitioning to renewable energy sources. A thorough cost-benefit analysis will provide valuable insights into the feasibility and effectiveness of various renewable energy projects, helping us make decisions that align with our state's goals for reducing carbon emissions and promoting energy independence.

Additionally, understanding the potential benefits of renewable energy projects—including job creation, energy savings, and improved public health—will empower policymakers and stakeholders to advocate for investments that drive economic growth while protecting our environment. By identifying the most promising projects and strategies, we can ensure that our resources are allocated efficiently and effectively.

Furthermore, this analysis will foster transparency and public engagement in the decision-making process. By providing clear data on the costs and benefits associated with different renewable energy options, we can encourage informed discussions among residents, businesses, and government officials. This collaborative approach will help build public support for renewable energy initiatives and pave the way for successful implementation.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support SB 1160 and urge you to advocate for its passage. Conducting a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis on renewable energy projects is essential for guiding our state toward a sustainable and economically viable energy future. Thank you for your attention to this important issue, and for your commitment to fostering a cleaner and more resilient energy landscape in Oregon.