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Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Levy and Gamba, and Members of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee,

Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 3653 – Oregon Energy Performance Contracting

My name is Perry England with MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions, a Pacific Northwest focused Design-Build-Optimize contractor with 12 offices throughout Oregon & Washington, and President of Building Potential's Board of Directors. As a qualified energy service company in Oregon, we support the efficiencies House Bill 3653 provides to authorized state agencies.

HB 3653 addresses the overly complex, burdensome, and costly aspects of energy performance contracting in Oregon. House Bill 3653 is fiscally responsible since it removes the excessive costs and risks of authorized state agencies by allowing them to directly select a qualified energy service company from the State Department of Energy's prequalified list.

Unlike the traditional design-bid-build public procurement process, energy performance contracting provides a streamlined and transparent approach to procuring energy efficiency and renewable energy projects with a performance guarantee. It is also a proven delivery model to maximize the acquisition of utility incentives and grants as part of the funding stack.

Performance contracts allow authorized state agencies to engage in a collaborative project development and procurement process with a qualified energy services company to deliver measurable and guaranteed performance outcomes. The performance outcomes will save energy, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve water, lower repair costs, improve comfort, and provide a cost-effective path for compliance with the state's building performance standards. Additionally, the entire process is overseen by the State Department of Energy as the authorized agency's third-party representative.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The improvements of HB 3653 are a meaningful step forward to energy performance contracting and authorized agencies of Oregon. As such, I encourage your support of the Bill.

Sincerely,

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