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Representative Brock Smith, Vice Chair
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Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith and members of the committee, my name is Neil Baunsgard and I am the Climate Policy Manager at The Environmental Center serving Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties in central Oregon. I am here in support of SB1102 -2 amendments I want to thank Sen Broadman and the other sponsors for their work on this bill and an approach we can all get behind

As you well know Oregon's HB 2001 laid the foundation for critical decarbonization efforts across the state. In Bend, I sit and formally chaired the City's Environment and Climate Committee, as a committee and city we've relied on these targets set in HB 2021 to guide our own local climate action goals. These state-level benchmarks are essential for cities like ours to effectively plan and implement climate strategies.

However, we're concerned that Oregon's electric utilities are not on track to meet these targets. Without stronger accountability and transparency measures, we risk falling short of our climate commitments—just as Oregon faces worsening drought, wildfires, and economic risks tied to climate change.

That's why SB 1102 is so important. This bill ensures full and timely compliance with Oregon's clean energy targets by:

- Defining "continual progress" as real, annual emissions reductions while leaving room for nonlinear investment
- Establishing meaningful penalties for noncompliance—without passing costs to ratepayers.
- Retiring the renewable energy certificates so we can ensure that the carbon benefits are not double counted

We need clear accountability to ensure Oregon's transition to clean energy stays on course. This provides that accountability.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. And we sincerely hope that you will support the -2 amendment of SB1102

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