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Oregon House District 48

HB 3179 - RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITY PERMITTING

5/7 House Rules

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Hoa Nguyen, and I am the State Representative for House District 48, which includes outer Southeast Portland and North Clackamas County.

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3179, a pivotal step toward advancing Oregon's commitment to renewable energy and equitable community development.

HB 3179 modifies the permitting process for renewable energy facilities, specifically solar photovoltaic power generation, by adjusting the definition of "renewable energy facility" for county permitting purposes. This change aims to streamline the development of renewable energy projects while maintaining appropriate oversight.

As a representative of a district encompassing diverse communities, from Kelly Butte to Powell Butte, Barton to Carver, I recognize the importance of policies that balance environmental sustainability with community needs. This bill facilitates the growth of renewable energy infrastructure, which is essential for reducing our carbon footprint and promoting energy independence.

Moreover, by enabling more efficient permitting processes, HB 3179 can attract investments that create jobs and stimulate economic growth in both urban and rural areas of our state. This aligns with our district's goals of supporting working families and fostering vibrant neighborhoods.

It's crucial that as we advance renewable energy initiatives, we also ensure that the benefits are equitably distributed. I advocate for continued engagement with local communities, especially historically marginalized

groups, to ensure that development projects under HB 3179 are inclusive and considerate of community voices.

HB 3179 represents a thoughtful approach to expanding renewable energy in Oregon. It supports our environmental goals while promoting economic opportunities across diverse communities. I urge the committee to pass this bill and continue Oregon's leadership in sustainable development.

Thank you for your consideration.