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Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Attn: House Committee on Rules, Majority Leader Ben Bowman, and members of the committee

Subject: Recommendations Re: HB 3963 Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap Process Extension

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

On behalf of the twenty-two signatories engaged in or tracking Oregon's Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap process, we wish to express our gratitude for the extensive work conducted by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to date on the Roadmap, and offer our united support for an extension of the Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap process through the end of 2026 by supporting HB 3963. **We ask you to vote YES on HB 3963**. This extension would allow for essential and robust community engagement and Tribal partnerships beyond the Roadmap meetings and working groups, ensuring that the process can produce well-informed, comprehensive recommendations on how Oregon could proceed with the responsible development of floating offshore wind energy.

Comprehensive research and collaboration among interested parties is essential to ensuring that Oregon's clean energy goals are met without compromising marine ecosystems or the livelihoods of coastal communities. Roadmap participants and staff are committed to providing informed, broadly supported recommendations to Oregon State legislators that include pathways for community protections, Tribal interests, safeguards for the environment and wildlife, strong labor and workforce standards, and benefits in transmission, distribution, and storage, procurement, port development, and the supply chain. This additional time will help ensure that these recommendations are broadly supported and effective.

We urge you to vote yes on HB 3963 in support of a thoughtful, inclusive, and well-planned approach to offshore wind energy development in Oregon. We also support

leadership moving the bill to the Senate Rules Committee to ensure it can make it through the legislative process in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

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