

June 17, 2025

RE: Support for HB 3963



Members of the Oregon Legislature;

The Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers represents over 10,000 men and women in the electrical industry across the State of Oregon. We are writing in strong support of House Bill 3963, which will extend timelines for potential development of Offshore Wind in Oregon.

We cannot overstate the tremendous, generation impacts an offshore wind project could have for our state. These projects ensure that Oregon is able to continue to increase clean energy production and meet our climate change goals. Additionally, these projects provide massive economic opportunity along our coast that can bolster those communities. An Offshore Wind Project in Oregon would create opportunities for apprentices in the trades, and support family wage jobs on our coast.

The OSAEW believes we should be prioritizing projects like this in Oregon, and HB 3963 shows continued work in that direction. The bill will allow for a continued, thoughtful look at how the State can be engaged in these projects, and the opportunity to support the men and women in the industry.

We urge your support for HB 3963, and appreciate the work that has gone into this conversation.

Sincerely,

Robert Westerman
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