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On Behalf Of:

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Dear Committee,

This is an issue that's near and dear to my heart. Even if the Climate Crisis is not high on your list of priorities, which it should be, Oregon needs to be prepared with clean, local, distributed power in order to endure and prevent power outages and help with peak demands. We need incentives to adopt more solar/wind and battery systems, and if we do things intelligently, we can also save money on energy costs doing it.

Oregon currently has a bottleneck to new green energy projects and lags behind almost every state in the adoption of new renewables, due to a lack of investments in new and upgraded transmission lines. This is a disgrace, which I hope will also be remedied soon! In the meantime, this bill can help us around that bottleneck and also provide more security and cost-savings to local communities.

I want to see more bills focused on the 100% green energy transition, and this is a decent step in that direction.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Clark