



Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

Solar Oregon is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that has worked to encourage solar and storage adoption throughout Oregon since 1979. We do this by providing reliable and impartial consumer education workshops, working to build the clean energy community, and performing community outreach. We also serve our state by hosting solar tours, Solarize campaigns, and expert panel discussions on a range of topics related to solar.

Solar Oregon supports the concept of virtual power plants (VPPs) in Oregon and SB 1582. VPPs will help Oregon meet the growing energy demand while also keeping energy bills lower which is a major concern for Oregonians. Providing actionable and quick solutions to energy affordability is crucial in supporting resilient and thriving communities across Oregon. The technology for VPPs is readily available and can be brought online more quickly than a typical power plant. VPPs also provide reductions in peak load and increased grid reliability.

For these reasons mentioned above, we ask for your support of SB 1582.

Sincerely,

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