



# The Climate Reality Project<sup>®</sup>

## PORTLAND CHAPTER

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Smith, and Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter to urge you to support the Community-Based Power bill (SB 1582). We are an organization committed to a just transition to clean energy, climate justice and public health, and building green communities, and SB 1582 supports these goals. Virtual or Distributed Power Plants (VPP or DPP) can save money for customers, improve grid reliability, and create jobs across the state to build out the VPP systems.

VPPs utilize technologies that are available now—without long lead times for permitting or construction—to use distributed resources like electric vehicles, smart thermostats, rooftop solar, and battery storage to balance energy supply and demand. VPPs can reduce peak loads where energy costs are the highest and incentivize utility customers' local generation of clean energy and use of energy balancing devices, which both help the grid and increase customer self-sufficiency.

Energy demand and costs are rising rapidly. Virtual Power Plants can play a critical role in addressing these problems right away. SB 1582 is needed to scale and standardize VPP programs to make them effective and widely available. Please help secure Oregon's energy future and vote "yes" on SB 1582.

Thank you,

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Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

#### About The Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy.

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