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To: Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee

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BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) is an alliance that works with labor and environmental organizations aimed to address our environmental challenges while creating good quality jobs. BGA is guided by the principle that we can no longer choose between good jobs and a clean and safe environment—that the actions we take to create quality jobs and to protect working people and the environment must go together as we will build a clean, thriving, and fair economy.

BlueGreen Alliance testifies in support of SB 1588 and its –2 amendment as this bill supports:

- A utility invests in a cost-saving home upgrade, while the customer pays a service charge on their monthly utility bill that is less than the estimated savings from the upgrade.
- The utility works with the customer and other energy efficiency program administrators to determine eligibility and project scope, including weatherization, heat pumps, solar power, battery storage, or a combination of solutions.
- The utility covers some or all of the project's upfront cost, less available rebates or incentives like
- those available through Energy Trust of Oregon, ensuring the monthly service charges are less
- than the estimated savings.

This is not only an opportunity for the state of Oregon to be a leader to help advance energy efficiency measures in the face of increasing utility rates, but an opportunity to provide Oregon workers training and economic benefits through the apprenticeship provision in the legislation.

Respectfully,

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