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## **IBEW Local 48 Supports HB 2820-B**

### **Siting and Development of Large Scale Solar Projects**

As a strong supporter of increased solar power generation and green power, IBEW 48 supports passage of HB 2820-B. By allowing the siting of large scale solar power arrays on lands deemed not suitable for farming, this bill will facilitate the construction and operation of large scale solar projects and solar power capacity in Oregon.

**HB 2820-B will create jobs for Oregonians, increase our solar power generation capacity and take advantage of our excellent solar resources east of the Cascades.**

IBEW has a well-trained solar workforce ready to install the large scale projects that will be made possible by the passage of HB 2820-B. These projects will put skilled construction workers to work and provide an economic boost to local communities and tax revenues. It will also be a great opportunity for the approximately 15 solar and solar related manufactures in Oregon.

**IBEW 48 urges the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee to support HB 2820-B to create jobs and enhance solar power generation in Oregon.**

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IBEW Local 48 represents approximately 4,000 members who work throughout Oregon. For nearly one hundred years, the skilled, trained, professional, and certified Journeyman and Apprentice Electricians of IBEW Local 48 have helped Oregon grow and prosper. They have provided the superior and safe electrical construction and maintenance work that has allowed this region's residences, communities, and businesses to thrive.