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Representative Jules Bailey, Chair House Committee on Energy & Environment 900 Court St., NE Salem, OR 97301

Chairman Bailey:

House Bill 4126, with the -3 amendments, represents a consensus reached after a robust and deliberative set of negotiations over several months. Participants included:

- Office of Governor John Kitzhaber, MD
- Umatilla Electric Cooperative
- Central Electric Cooperative
- Renewable Northwest Project
- Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association
- Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
- PacifiCorp
- Portland General Electric
- Eugene Water & Electric Board
- Idaho Power
- NW Energy Coalition
- Association of Oregon Counties
- Oregon Department of Energy
- Oregon Public Utilities Commission
- Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association

Idaho Power supports the language contained in House Bill 4126, with the adoption of the -3 amendments.

The bill, amendment and agreements between parties outside of the legislation will:

- 1. address concerns raised about the application of the RPS to certain utilities in the face of unforeseen energy demands in their jurisdictions;
- 2. allow, following PUC review and approval, additional flexibility for the sale of green power to certain customers by investor owned utilities under existing statutory authority; and
- 3. alleviate efforts to change the renewable portfolio stand beyond the scope of what is contained in the amended legislation.

Idaho Power respectfully requests passage of House Bill 4126, with the -3 amendments, from the House Committee on Energy & Environment with a "Do-Pass Recommendation."

Best Regards,