

Dear Representative Doherty and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing to ask for the support of the House Business and Labor Committee for SB 1520.

As a small solar contractor and individual community member, I have been involved in a few attempts at community solar in my Corvallis community which were never successful due to state law barriers to the cooperative approach to buying solar. In our business we encounter lots of people who really want to "Go SOLAR", but have too many trees, or live in a rental unit and cannot own a system. This bill would allow community solar coops to be formed to serve these people.

Oregon can again set an example in renewable generation and create good jobs for contractors like us, manufacturers like SolarWorld and Advanced Energy, and empower communities to install solar with their own funding through the passage of this bill. For the sake of our climate, our local economies and those who cannot afford a solar system, please support SB1520.

Regards,

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