

Dear Representative Doherty and Members of the Committee,

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

As a member of various renewable energy and energy efficiency volunteer groups, I have been involved in many attempts at community solar in my Corvallis community which were never successful due to state law barriers to the cooperative approach to buying solar. There are numerous residents who would like to install solar at their home, but have too many trees, live in a rental unit, or cannot afford the upfront costs and therefore 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 local contractors, 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 who want to participate in solar energy production, please support SB1520.

Regards,  
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