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To: Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee

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Re: HB 4126A, Renewable Portfolio Standard

Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee,

The Oregon Business Association believes that healthy, sustainable environmental practices go hand-in-hand with a strong, healthy economy. We have long been and continue to be a supporter of Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard.

OBA supports HB 4126A as a compromise that will see the voluntary withdrawal by the proponents of initiative petition 3, the hydro ballot measure.

OBA supports allowing small and growing utilities to comply with Oregon's Renewable Portfolio Standard as they struggle to meet load growth and the requirements of the RPS. This bill will allow such utilities to meet load growth and the requirements of the RPS without significant cost to customers.

OBA supports allowing the Oregon Public Utility Commission to study, evaluate and; subject to review and conditions, approve a green tariff for non-residential customers.

We urge your support of HB 4126A.

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