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State Senator Richard Devlin
Co-Chair, Joint SubCommittee
on Natural Resources

State Representative Dan Rayfield
Co-Chair, Joint SubCommittee
on Natural Resources

RE: Support for SB 5510

Dear Co-Chairs Devlin and Rayfield:

Renewable Northwest, a diverse member organization that is dedicated to the responsible development of renewable resources in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest, is pleased to support SB 5510, a bill to fund the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) for the 2015-16 biennium.

ODOE's renewable energy programs bring tremendous benefits to Oregon. The Renewable Energy Development (RED) grants and the Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC) support commercial and residential projects, and leverage additional investment to promote a thriving and competitive renewable energy industry in our state. They help to achieve our clean energy goals under the Oregon Renewable Portfolio Standard and create a path towards meaningful carbon emissions reductions.

The benefits of renewable resources extend beyond shrinking Oregon's carbon footprint. Renewable energy projects create both construction and permanent on-site jobs in rural communities. Property tax revenues from projects provide an important stream of revenue to counties.

Renewable Northwest is a member of ODOE's Energy Advisory Work Group, a statutory advisory committee that was created in 2013. Its charge is to review ODOE's budget and policy initiatives. The agency is working well within this context and has proven responsive to the Work Group's ideas and questions.

Renewable Northwest is looking forward to working with ODOE to launch the next wave of investment in renewable resources development in Oregon. Thank you for the opportunity to support ODOE's budget for the 2015-16 biennium.

Sincerely,

Hillary Barbour
Policy Director
Renewable Northwest