

From: Scott Crawford – Solar Assist, Eugene,OR

Re: HB 2745 and HB 2941

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Via Email:

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On behalf of Solar Assist, a small Eugene solar contractor, I sincerely thank you for considering these bills. Oregon is in the unique position to generate its own clean-renewable electricity from the sun using locally made solar panels, benefiting all Oregonians now and for generations to come.

The old paradigm used to be waging the economy vs. our ecology. With a thriving solar industry, the two can come together harmoniously to provide living wage jobs, savings on electricity and reduced pollution from burning coal and fossil fuels.

For every dollar invested in solar, using locally made solar panels, installed by a local company, 85 cents stays in the Oregon economy. And significantly more if you factor in the multiplication effect it creates by keeping our money local.

HB 2745 - **Solar Feed-In-Tariff** - is uniquely Oregon and allows independent minded Oregonians the ability to control their utility bills.

HB 2941 - **Community Solar Gardens** - would open access to solar energy allowing anyone, regardless of whether or not they can put solar panels on their roof, to own and control their own renewable energy generation. By doing so, Oregonians can choose their own energy future.

With pride, we can tell our grand-children that we did our part to keep Oregon a great place to live. I support these bills and thank Chair Vega-Pederson. We urge you to pass the bills and allow all Oregonians the chance to access their own clean energy.

Respectfully,

Scott Crawford