
From: Patrino Beth
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 1:12 PM
To: Mickelson Anastasia
Subject: FW: RE: Oregon Solar Legislation

From: Mike Hellweg [<mailto:mike.f.hellweg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2015 1:09 PM
To: Patrino Beth
Subject: Fwd: RE: Oregon Solar Legislation

Hi Beth,

Below is a letter than I sent to Jessica Vega-Pederson regarding the proposed solar legislation. I thought that you might want a copy of my letter in case you would like to submit as testimony at tomorrow's hearing.

Best regards,

Mike Hellweg

From: Mike Hellweg [<mailto:mike.f.hellweg@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2015 8:05 AM
To: Rep VegaPederson
Subject: Oregon Solar Legislation

To: Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson, House Energy and Environment Committee

From: Michael and Sheryl Hellweg, Property Owner, West Linn, OR

Re: HB 2745 and HB 2941

Date: February 28, 2015

Via Email:

Rep.JessicaVegaPederson@state.or.us

On behalf of Oregon's citizens concerning the future quality of life in this beautiful state , I sincerely thank you for considering these two bills. Oregon has an opportunity to generate its own clean-renewable electricity from the sun using locally made solar panels, benefiting all Oregonians now and for generations to come.

Solar energy is clean, renewable, doesn't dump pollution and CO2 into our atmosphere, and reduces our dependence on hydro electricity which effects our salmon runs.

We installed a 10kW ground mount solar array with panels manufactured by SolarWorld on our property at 405 SW Miken Lane, in West Linn, OR in December of 2014.

Since 2008, SolarWorld has invested more \$347M in goods and services from Oregon, plus another \$750M on the Hillsboro, OR manufacturing plant. This year they will be adding 200 more living wage jobs as part of their expansion.

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 great 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,

Michael Hellweg

Sheryl Hellweg