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Representative Jessica Vega Pederson,
Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment

re: support for HB 2193

Dear Chair Vega Pederson:

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 HB 2193, a bill to accelerate the acquisition of energy storage systems by investor owned utilities serving Oregon customers.

Energy storage has numerous benefits for both power producers and the customers they serve. Storage can harmonize the integration of more renewable resources on the grid, ensure reliable energy delivery, and help utilities to meet periods of peak demand.

As storage technologies advance, additional economic and environmental benefits include decreased carbon emissions, a more secure and efficient grid that is less subject to disruption, and the continued development of clean energy jobs in manufacturing, engineering, and construction. Certain types of storage can be cost effective today, and advances in technology are expected to continue this trend.

Other states have already taken significant steps to prompt storage procurement. HB 2193 sends an important signal that Oregon is equally committed to the development of energy storage. The bill is an appropriately scaled proposal that allows the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to work with Oregon's utilities and other stakeholders to procure one or more energy storage systems by 2020. The PUC's active involvement in the process, as outlined by this legislation, would help protect ratepayers while also delivering benefits to the power system.

Renewable Northwest also supports ensuring that the legislation's definition of energy storage is broad enough to allow for all types of storage technology, which enlarges the pool of cost effective energy storage solutions.

Renewable Northwest is pleased to support HB 2193-an important step to help Oregon achieve a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

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Policy Director
Renewable Northwest