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Dear Members of the House Energy & Environment Committee,

I have been a strong supporter of Oregon's Solar Pilot Program from day one. HB 2745 is critical to continue to build cost-effective commercial and cooperative solar in Oregon. Solar costs continue to decline dramatically and HB 2745's revised program targets larger installations, providing much more solar, more cheaply, while providing increased value to ratepayers.

A tiny 0.2% of electricity consumed in Oregon is solar; not representative of what we COULD and SHOULD be producing and using in a state that prides itself on being ahead of the pack on many important issues! What we need is real leadership in Salem, because we get more solar gain than Germany does, and look what's happening there. FIT leader of the entire world! They call it Feed-In-Tariffs.

The current FIT pilot ends in two weeks. Without it, there will be very minimal installation of commercial-scale solar in Oregon, meaning that many good jobs and entire small businesses will be lost if the program ends. This would be a major loss for our state in a time when Salem should be actively bringing on more and better alternative means of generating sustainable energy, not fiddling while Rome burns!

Last but not least, there is no General Fund revenue impact from the FIT program.

Please support and pass out of committee HB 2745 NOW.

Sincerely,
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