

Greetings Interim House Committee on Environment and Energy,

What progress HB 4036 represents. Please seize the opportunity and pass this negotiated initiative this session.

It demonstrates that PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric are now embracing renewable energy as cost-effective and manageable in the grid. It reflects the advances in technology and market issues that now cause solar and wind power to be competitive and even less expensive than green-house-gas producing natural gas. The legislation changes the rules on the use of Renewable Energy Credits that sensibly rewards investing in renewables before 2022. While the community renewables stakeholders were not at the table, it appears the legislation may cause an increase rates paid to smaller projects. It also appears that it will cause us to move forward on energy efficiency work, demand response markets, and grid technology. Although it is unlikely that the major investor owned utilities will invest in Oregon, these likely outcomes will help us capture some of the investment in renewables and we must continue to incentivize projects in our communities.

In that regard, I also urge you to adopt the friendly amendments related to the community solar section of the bill.

Thanks you in advance for moving this important legislation forward by passing it this session.

Regards,

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