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Senate Business & Transportation Committee
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The Lake County Board of Commissioners would like to extend our support for HB 4036-A41 in order to ensure a place for Oregon's small scale, community-based renewable energy projects.

We agree with Section 14 of A41 making the 8% goal a requirement for small-scale, community renewable energy generation by investor owned utilities by 2035 and that this promotes renewable energy development in Oregon. Lake County and Oregon deserve healthy energy portfolios with diverse renewable energy resources built in Oregon. The numerous small-scale projects that have occurred have provided economic benefits to rural areas such as ours.

This Board appreciates the consideration being given to HB 4036-A41 for the elimination of fossil fuel needs, added employment opportunities, investment incomes and subsequent tax payments associated with renewable energy development in our rural areas across the State of Oregon.

Sincerely,

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Ken Kestner
Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Shoun". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D".

Dan Shoun
Vice-Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley J. Winters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "B".

Bradley J. Winters
Commissioner