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Oregon League of Conservation Voters Testimony on HB 3269

Representative Ken Helm and the House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Johnson and Power, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV) and our supporters across the state, I ask you to support House Bill 3269. OLCV leads the fight to protect the environment in the state legislature by coordinating a statewide coalition of environmental groups that promotes environmental protection in the Legislature.

Oregon needs to take climate issues seriously, address them systematically, and do the analysis to know which solutions will be effective both from policy and economic standpoints. Oregon needs coordination among, and accountability from, state agencies with environmental and emergency management responsibilities.

Presently, the Oregon Global Warming Commission (OGWC) is given the responsibility, but not the authority or tools to discharge that responsibility. We already know the dangers of climate change to our health, our forests, our watersheds and wildlife, our infrastructure and our economy.

HB 3269 is a modest restart on climate strategies. It gives the OGWC modest resources to prioritize measures by cost-effectiveness; and — crucially — provides for agency coordination with the Commission's climate plan, and accountability for moving on each agency's share of that plan.

For these reasons, OLCV supports HB 3269. We are prepared to work with the legislature on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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