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Community Action Partnership Assoc. of Idaho
Community Action Partnership of Oregon
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Earth Ministry
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Energy Savvy
Energy Trust of Oregon
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Environment Washington
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League of Women Voters Oregon
League of Women Voters Washington
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Montana Environmental Information Center
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Puget Sound Cooperative Credit Union
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Sea Breeze Power Corp.
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Seattle City Light
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Sierra Club
Sierra Club, Idaho Chapter
Sierra Club, Montana Chapter
Sierra Club, Washington Chapter
Small Business Utility Advocates
Smart Grid Northwest
Snake River Alliance
Solar Installers of Washington
Solar Oregon
Solar Washington
South Central Community Action Partnership
Southeast Idaho Community Action Partners
Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners
Sustainable Connections
The Climate Trust
The Energy Project
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United Steelworkers of America, District 12
US Green Building Council, Idaho Chapter
Washington Environmental Council
Washington Local Energy Alliance
Washington State Department of Commerce
Washington State University Energy Program
YMCA Earth Service Corps



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Representative Ken Helm, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Members, House Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Opposition of HB 2471

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

The NW Energy Coalition is writing today in opposition to HB 2471. The NW Energy Coalition is an alliance of about 100 environmental, civic and human service organizations, progressive utilities and businesses in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia. We promote development of renewable energy and energy conservation, consumer protection, low-income energy assistance, and fish and wildlife restoration on the Columbia and Snake Rivers.

Oregonians overwhelmingly support renewable energy and the state Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS). The expansion of the RPS through the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Act last year underscores the popularity across the state for increasing our use of renewable energy resources. These resources clean up our air, provide carbon free energy, and create jobs and income in communities throughout the state.

Currently, a utility acquiring service territory from another utility has one year to comply with the original utility's RPS requirements for the service territory acquired. HB 2471 undermines the Renewable Portfolio Standard by increasing the timeframe for RPS compliance to 10 years. This short-changes the state RPS requirements; utilities must not abandon their role in meeting the state's renewables standards.

Oregon is a leader in clean energy policy; we must protect this legacy and ensure our commitment to utilizing renewable resources as determined by the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Act.

Please oppose HB 2471. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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