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TO: Representative Jennifer Williamson, Chair, House Committee on Rules
Representative Mike McLane, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Rules
Representative Dan Rayfield, Vice-Chair, House Committee on Rules
FROM: Sustainable Northwest
SUBJECT: Support for HB 2020

Chair Williamson and Vice-Chairs McLane and Rayfield:

Sustainable Northwest would like to offer our support for HB 2020. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the interim working group to develop recommendations for the future of the Oregon Department of Energy, and believe that these conversations were enhanced by the transparent and collaborative participation of agency staff in the review process.

Oregon is a leader in innovative and progressive energy policies and practices, and the continued existence and role of a state energy department is essential to continue on this trajectory. We are also strongly supportive of the added mission area related to climate change, given the integrated nature of climate and energy subject matter. Finally, HB 2020 proposes a strong governance and oversight structure necessary to guide the transition and function of the agency in the coming years.

We believe that HB 2020 provides a clear and necessary mandate and operating structure for the agency moving forward, and encourage the committee and legislature to support its advancement and passage. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dylan Kruse".

Dylan Kruse
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Sustainable Northwest