

**Renewable Northwest
Members**

3Degrees
American Wind Energy Association
Avangrid Renewables
Bonneville Environmental
Foundation
Center for Energy Efficiency &
Renewable Technologies
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon
Climate Solutions
Columbia Gorge
Community College
Community Renewable
Energy Association
DNV GL
EDF Renewable Energy
EDP Renewables
Environment Oregon
Environment Washington
Eurus Energy America
EverPower
GE Energy
Geothermal Resources Council
Green Mountain Energy
HDR Engineering, Inc.
Idaho Conservation League
Invenergy
K&L Gates
Kapla Law PLLC
Latitude45 Associates
MAP
Montana Environmental
Information Center
MontPIRG
Natural Resources
Defense Council
NextEra Energy Resources
Northwest Environmental
Business Council
Northwest SEED
NW Energy Coalition
OneEnergy Renewables
Oregon Solar Energy
Industries Association
OSPIRG
Oregon Tech
Orion Renewable Energy
Group LLC
Solar Oregon
Stoel Rives, LLP
SunPower Corporation
SWCA Environmental Consultants
Vestas Americas
Warm Springs Power &
Water Enterprises
Washington Environmental Council
WashPIRG
Western Resource Advocates

421 SW 6TH AVE, Suite 1125
Portland, OR 97204
www.RenewableNW.org
503.223.4544



**Renewable
Northwest**

February 17, 2017

TO: Senator Lee Beyer, Chair, Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
Members, Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

FR: Rikki Seguin, Policy Director, Renewable Northwest

RE: Support of SB 339

Dear Chair Beyer:

Renewable Northwest, a diverse member organization that is dedicated to the responsible development of renewable energy resources in Oregon and throughout the Pacific Northwest, **is pleased to support SB 339, a bill to promote diversity of resource types that can be used to comply with Oregon's small-scale renewable energy requirement.**

Section 14 of SB 1547, passed in the 2016 legislative session, mandated that 8% of the aggregate electrical capacity of all electric companies that make sales of electricity to 25,000 or more retail electricity customers must come from small-scale renewable energy projects (20MW or less) *or* facilities that generate electricity using biomass that also generate thermal energy for a secondary purpose.

The legislation was passed with no cap on the contribution from the latter, biomass cogeneration facilities. In order to ensure that the 8% small-scale requirement is met with a diverse set of resources, it is essential that the contribution from biomass cogeneration facilities be capped. Diversifying resource types and location is a critical part of integrating large amounts of renewables onto the grid.

SB 339 aims to provide this solution and cap the contribution from biomass cogeneration facilities used to comply with Oregon's small-scale requirement.

Renewable Northwest hopes to see an amendment drafted to provide a technical clarification to the bill language. An amendment is needed to clarify that compliance with the 8% requirement is met with capacity, rather than electricity generated. We would be supportive of an amendment clarifying that only 20MW of capacity from a biomass cogeneration facility, regardless of the facility's total nameplate capacity, can be used to comply with the 8% requirement.

Renewable Northwest is pleased to support SB 339 as an important step to help Oregon achieve a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

Rikki Seguin
Policy Director
Renewable Northwest