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To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
Chair Senator Michael Dembrow
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Chair Representative Ken Helm

Re: Comment in SUPPORT of SB 1507 and HB 4001

Walsh & Weathers LLC is a small business located in Eagle Point, Oregon. We provide research and writing services. We support the two bills named by number above and known as the Clean Energy Jobs Bills for three main reasons:

First, the climate clock is ticking and we must act—person by person, community by community, *state by state*, and nation by nation. The harmful health and economic effects of climate change are well documented and the evidence has been made available to all of Oregon's lawmakers in advance of this Session. If the Clean Energy Jobs Bill passes this session, there will still be a two- to three-year delay before its provisions are fully implemented. We need to act now.

Second, SB 1507 and HB 4001 allow us to act now, responsibly and in a deliberative manner. The gamut from concepts to details have been under discussion for many years. Most recently, multiple legislative working groups have spent the Interim studying and working to gather input and craft an effective plan. A broad range of individuals and groups outside the Legislature have worked together to ensure that benefits are spread across the state, including to rural and low-income communities. The Legislature is not being asked to act quickly on a rushed job put together by a few and put forward during a short session. Clean Energy Jobs legislation is well-vetted. We urge members of both parties to support it.

Third, the struggle against the disastrous impacts of climate change must be taken on ever more aggressively by individual states. National decision-makers insist on not only withdrawing from global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emission, but are working in various ways to support the fossil fuel industry in producing more. Oregon faces yet another iteration of the Jordan Cove Energy Project and another foreign company is working to establish a massive coal bed methane extraction project in Coos Bay. SB 1507 and HB 4001 provide one significant opportunity to work with other states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We strongly recommend passage of a Clean Energy Jobs Bill during the 2018 session and appreciate the opportunity to share our views.

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