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To: Members of the House Committee on Economic Development and Trade

From: Rhett Lawrence, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club

Date: February 7, 2018

RE: House Bill 4121

Chair Gomberg and Members of the Committee: On behalf of the more than 25,000 members and supporters of the Sierra Club in Oregon, I am pleased to provide this written testimony in support of House Bill 4121.

As an organization with a long history working to address the impacts of climate change in Oregon, we believe that HB 4121 is worthy of your support. As you know, this legislation would create the Home WRAP, an energy efficiency and solar incentive that can improve the lives of all Oregonians and create jobs all across Oregon. The Home Weatherization, Retrofit, and Affordability Program would enable Oregonians to qualify for up to \$4,500 to help pay for home weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades or to install solar energy systems.

We believe that the Home WRAP program will allow many citizens of our state to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes, including low-income families and those who may not otherwise earn enough to have a tax liability. The Home WRAP also ensures that the incentive actually delivers energy savings or production by tying the incentive amount directly to the quantity of energy saved or produced.

And importantly, we believe the bill will also help to create many jobs in our state, especially in rural areas. The energy efficiency and solar industries are booming in our state and anything we can do to foster these new job-creating industries and combat climate change by saving energy in our homes and reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a win-win across the board.

For all of these reasons, the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club supports House Bill 4121. We believe the bill's important aims to create jobs and improve the energy efficiency of our homes will be beneficial to our state and to the climate. Thank you very much for considering our comments and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance to the Committee.