



February 6, 2018

Representative David Gomberg, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Trade
Oregon Legislature

Re: House Bill 4121

Chair Gomberg and Members of the Committee,

Environment Oregon supports House Bill 4121 (The HomeWRAP), which creates new incentives for solar and energy efficiency.

Environment Oregon is a statewide, citizen-based environmental advocacy organization working for clean air, clean water and open space. We have a long history of advocating for the adoption of policies that promote the use of clean energy and energy efficiency as a way to tackle climate change, improve public health and create a more healthy and sustainable environment.

Moving to abundant and pollution-free renewable energy is good for our climate and public health and it also makes good economic sense. We avoid the very real cost that pollution imposes on our health, the cost of cleaning up pollution from dirty sources, and the incalculable costs associated with climate disruption. And, it will create jobs in growing industries, many of which cannot be outsourced, creating economic opportunity for people across Oregon.

With the realities of climate change at our doorstep and a federal administration and congress undermining advances in clean energy, Oregon must continue to invest in programs that put us on a path to a clean energy future.

That's why we are excited that there is a statewide incentive in the works with the HomeWRAP program. This new program would enable Oregonians to qualify for incentives up to \$4,500 to offset the cost of putting solar on their home, home weatherization and energy efficiency, making clean energy more accessible to everyone and giving more people the opportunity to help build a clean energy future.

Environment Oregon urges the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,

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