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TO: Representative Helm, Chair, House Committee on Energy and Environment
Members, House Committee on Energy and Environment

FR: Rikki Seguin, Policy Director, Renewable Northwest

RE: Support of HB 4148

Dear Chair Helm:

Renewable Northwest is a regional, non-profit renewable energy advocacy organization based in Oregon, dedicated to the responsible development of renewable energy resources throughout the Pacific Northwest. Our members are a combination of renewable energy businesses and environmental and consumer groups. **We are pleased to support HB 4148.**

Our organization shares a positive and productive relationship with the Oregon Department of Energy (the Department) with the goal of ensuring that the benefits renewable resources bring to Oregon are fully realized. Renewable Northwest, together with energy stakeholders across the state, collaborates with the Department in both the policy and regulatory arenas. The Department fills a crucial role in the study, design, and implementation of renewable energy policies in Oregon, and is uniquely qualified and positioned to help the state achieve its energy policy goals.

The electricity sector is undergoing rapid and dramatic changes, including changes in the available technologies and suppliers, customer preferences for being supplied with different resources or combinations of resources, and the ability of different resources to interact together on the grid. Customers in Oregon and elsewhere are increasingly looking to support investments in clean, renewable energy and complementary technologies, like energy storage. Now more than ever, we need an agency focused on the future.

HB 4148 creates an advisory board that can help move the Department forward. This newly formed Oregon Energy Board could help the Department modernize and meet state goals in these rapidly changing times. Given the strong correlation between energy and climate, we support HB 4148's aim to populate the Oregon Energy Board with members well informed in both energy and climate.

Renewable Northwest asks that the Committee support HB 4148.

Sincerely,

Rikki Seguin
Policy Director
Renewable Northwest