



CITY OF TROUTDALE

"Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge"

February 12, 2018

Senator Michael Dembrow
Chair of Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

Subject: SB 1507 - Clean Energy Jobs Bill

Members of the committee,

I am writing on behalf of City of Troutdale to express our support for Senate Bill 1507, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. As a member of the City's staff dedicated to natural hazard mitigation planning and economic development, the community enhancement opportunities afforded by this legislation will significantly impact my ability to provide workforce enhancements, create new jobs, and support environmental protections. This bold and imaginative bill thus represents the type of initiative required to ensure a commitment to prosperous future for all Oregonians, and I encourage you to support this measure.

SB 1507 offers an innovative approach to advance Oregon's clean energy economy that creates local jobs that cannot be outsourced, leads to energy savings for residents and communities, and invests in communities' efforts at housing affordability and environmental purity, all while supporting individual and business success across the State.

Clean energy jobs are on the rise in Oregon, with this sector seeing growth at an eleven percent (11%) annual rate and faster than state employment as a whole. Moreover, this sector is also poised for an American renaissance in manufacturing and SB 1507 will aid Oregon in staking its claim to such investment within its borders. The principles behind this bill are supported by two out of three voters, as they see the benefits possible for new jobs, higher wages, and better health for Oregonians.

The Clean Energy Jobs Bill will ensure that we are capitalizing on our statewide mandatory emissions reduction requirements over the next 30 years. Expected to raise hundreds of millions of dollars a year, the funds generated will do more than just stimulate Oregon's economy and employment. Funds will be returned to the communities to be used for projects in transportation, affordable housing, and cost offsets for the installation on new technology for low-income residents and businesses.

Taken as a whole, SB 1507 offers a unique chance to foster a stronger and more equitable future for the region and the State, and we urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Krueger".

Ryan Krueger CFM
Associate Planner & Floodplain Manager