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- **TO:** Senator Lee Beyer, Chair, Senate Committee on Business and Transportation Members, Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
- FR: Rikki Seguin, Policy Director, Renewable Northwest
- RE: Opposition of SB 1552

Dear Chair Beyer:

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. **Renewable Northwest opposes SB 1552 and its goal to decrease Oregon's Public Purpose Charge.**

The investment of the Public Purpose Charge in energy efficiency and renewable resources help residential, commercial and industrial customers of PGE and PacifiCorp throughout the state save money on their electric bills, and help diversify our energy supply. These investments help create local jobs in Oregon and also help generate benefits for local communities. The Public Purpose Charge supports institutional customers such as schools, and they also support low-income communities. Given the widespread benefits associated with the Public Purpose Charge, Renewable Northwest opposes this policy proposal to decrease the funds.

Sincerely,

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Rikki Seguin Policy Director Renewable Northwest