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**Testimony to the House Committee  
on Energy and the Environment on HCR 9**

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

Oregon Environmental Council supports the concept of closed-loop pump storage as an alternative energy source. The practice has potential for moving Oregon closer to a clean energy future.

However, we have reservations about the resolution's blanket support for closed-loop pump storage systems. As with other water-related projects, each proposed facility must be considered in light of the cultural and environmental impacts specific to the proposed location as well as those of associated structures such as transmission lines and easements, etc.

In addition, for each proposed project a full analysis of the energy need, as well as alternative means for meeting that need should be required.

Finally, the regulatory reviews currently underway for the Swan Lake and Goldendale projects should be completed and the fate of those projects decided independent of any language contained in the resolution.

Oregon Environmental Council respectfully requests that the Committee incorporate language into the resolution to address the above concerns.