

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is being signed in support of HB 2857, aka the "8% - PURPA Bill".


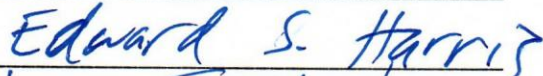


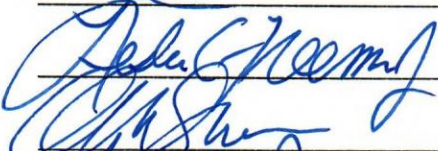

We encourage you to pass this legislation which provides several important improvements to current law and regulations of renewable energy in Oregon, including encouraging small-scale renewables, specifically as relates ensuring that PURPA standard contracts are of a minimum sufficient size to be viable, have appropriate access to courts and clarifying their ability to use battery storage. This is important for ensuring the ability to utilize the best solar resource in Oregon which is located in the sunnier Central and Eastern parts of the state, reducing our state's carbon footprint, ensuring that competitive energy procurement options exist (aside from cost-ineffective utility-owned operations), and promoting economic development in rural parts of Oregon.

Solar energy is a critical part of Oregon's energy future and the fight against climate change. PURPA standard contracts have resulted in hundreds of millions of dollars in construction in Oregon and are the primary form of utility solar scale development in the state. Restoring the standard rates and contract size to 10 MW, is important to ensure critical scale viability for solar projects. Indeed, we encourage you to consider increasing the standard contract size to 20 MW (instead of the 10 MW currently in the legislation).

Please pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Signed:

	
	
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