

June 11, 2019

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources**

RE: Oregon Department of Energy 2019-21 Agency Budget Request

Co-Chairs Taylor and Reardon:

As a 501c3 non-profit organization helping Oregon's construction and remodeling industries build more energy efficient and climate responsive buildings, Earth Advantage recognizes the important role that the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) is currently playing to help the state move towards a safe, clean, and sustainable energy future.

ODOE provides key technical support and thought leadership on the critical energy issues facing the state. These important energy issues - and the related ODOE programs and projects - require strong, focused, and persistent attention. We strongly support ODOE being resourced to effectively continue their important work.

We are at a crossroads in this state, in this country, and throughout the world. Climate action has never been needed more than it is now. Now is not the time to eliminate or reduce activities, such as those provided by ODOE, that are helping the state effectively address climate change in way that benefits our local economy and all Oregonians.

We encourage the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources to support the full 2019-2021 agency budget request.

Sincerely,



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