

I'm writing on behalf of Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network to support HB 2916 to establish Blue-Green Economy Task Forces, including a Task Force focused on agriculture. Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network's mission is to advance climate resiliency on farms in Oregon through collaboration, education, and policy advocacy.

The formation of Blue-Green Economy Task Forces would provide a important opportunity to develop a plan to accelerate greenhouse gas reduction and removal and enhance climate resilience. We are very interested in participating on the Task Force if possible, and in the meantime would be very interested in participating any workgroups to develop the Bill or Task Forces before implementation.

The only real concern that we have about the policy is that we recognize a need for compensating members of the Task Forces. Organizations that aren't funded by their industry stakeholders may not have capacity to participate without funding. And this work needs to be closely coordinated with the Oregon Global Warming Coalition's work to promote carbon sequestration on natural and working lands.

We hope to have the opportunity to participate in this process. I'll reach out to Representative Williams directly about opportunities for our engagement.

Thank you so much for moving this forward.

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