

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment,

I'm writing to strongly encourage you to support House Bill 2021, and 100% Clean Energy for All Oregonians.

House Bill 2021 ensures that the transition to clean energy will benefit all Oregon communities, especially those that have been most adversely impacted by the pandemic, extreme weather, wildfires, and our reliance on highly polluting, fossil fuel based sources of energy.

I join with my colleagues in the many organizations supporting this bill in strongly recommending that the Oregon 100% Clean Energy Standard include:

- Strong labor standards that ensure clean energy projects that hire local, pay the prevailing wage and provide good benefits, and reserve opportunities for apprenticeship.

- Strong incentives for community-based energy projects such as solar plus storage that increase energy independence, affordability, and disaster-resilience.

- Strong provisions that prioritize benefits and avoid harms to environmental justice communities including BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), low-income communities, Tribes, and rural and coastal communities."

I join also with my colleagues in asserting that HB 2021 ensures "the opportunity to increase local community ownership of energy, job opportunities and economic development, and the health and safety of communities throughout the state. Globally, the burning of fossil fuels was responsible for 20% of deaths in 2018 and pollution from facilities like gas-fired power plants leads to worse outcomes of COVID-19. By setting clear targets for cleaning up Oregon's electricity and supporting community-based energy projects and good jobs for local communities, we can seize the opportunity of clean energy to help rebuild from today's many crises."

For all of the above reasons, I strongly recommend that you support HB 2021 and 100% Clean Energy for All Oregonians.

Sincerely,

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