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Chair Marsh, Co-Chairs Helm and Brock Smith  
Oregon House of Representatives  
Committee on Energy and Environment

Support for HB 3375

**Chair Marsh and Co-Chairs Helm and Brock Smith,**

This letter is to express that I am 100% in support of HB 3375 which establishes a goal for planning of the development of up to 3 GW of floating offshore wind energy projects along our Oregon coast by 2030 in a manner that will maximize benefits to this state while minimizing conflicts between floating offshore wind energy, the ocean ecosystem and ocean users.

I have experience working on renewable energy utility scale solar farms in Oregon. The economic benefits to counties, Oregon contractors, and renewable energy workers in the State is welcomed and evident. With all the benefits that come with renewable energy development in Oregon there are extremely heavy burdens and roadblocks on solar development due to the Oregon Planning System not being able to function well to match the reality of solar energy development due to an outdated land use planning goal. The importance for early aggressive planning for Oregon OSW is smart, proactive and will lead to success in the ability in the balancing of economic development, ecosystem conservation, and community values. I would love to see Oregon Coastal Counties, small businesses, and individual renewable energy workers reap the benefits from renewable energy development in Oregon.

Proactive and expedited state planning will help the state better understand the energy opportunities, implications, and barriers to integrating of up to 3 GW by 2030 onto the Oregon grid. Once the benefits and challenges of offshore wind are understood, better decisions can be made to ensure OSW is developed appropriately by maximizing benefits for Oregon, its citizens, and its environment.

I support HB 3375 because another roadblock to Oregon's clean energy development is the Oregon infrastructure transmission constraints. Oregon OSW will assist with alleviating and balancing these constraints and power load islands in the state. The implementation of well-planned OSW can allow Oregon to implement more clean renewable energy on a resilient transmission grid that will help Oregon move towards energy independence.



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Clean energy planning targets are effective tools for adding certainty to our state's clean energy trajectory and market. This increased certainty drives investment from the federal and private sectors, as well as competition from the development community, signals energy planning agencies and organizations for incorporation of planned development, and provides a timeline for Oregonians to ramp up labor and supply chain capacity for maximum economic benefit.

I applaud the individuals and organizations that have put the work into this Bill, and I thank the Oregon House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Environment for their prioritization to move this Bill through the process.

Thank you for your consideration of this timely legislation, I urge you to support passage of HB 3375.

Thank you for your time

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