



April 5, 2021

House Energy & Environment Committee  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2021

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Helm, Vice Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the committee,

The Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) writes to you in support of House Bill 2021 with the -5 amendments. APANO is a statewide, grassroots organization working to unite Asians and Pacific Islanders to build power, develop leaders, and advance equity through organizing, advocacy, community development, and cultural work. Over the past decade, we see the Asian diaspora experiencing the impacts of climate change on multiple levels - from homelands being severely impacted by storms and flooding (like in the Pacific islands and Sri Lanka, where ocean level rise is threatening the existence of entire islands) to our lower income Asian communities here in Oregon, where communities of color are most likely to live near gas plants or highways that severely impact air quality and health conditions.

We now have the opportunity to build a strong, resilient, and clean energy economy by ensuring that a 100% Clean Energy Standard includes:

- Strong, mandated clean energy targets to make it feasible for us to get to 100% emissions-free electricity by 2040
- Community benefits: our electricity system should support living wage jobs, workforce equity and energy resilience, all while minimizing burdens to environmental justice communities.
- Strong labor standards: our clean energy standard should at minimum ensure prevailing wage and benefits, and intentionally support
- No new fossil fuel power plants

HB 2021 with the -5 amendment is a strong start for this work here in Oregon and APANO is proud to be a part of the statewide coalition that is working to set this standard for our state. Thank you for your crucial and challenging work at the state level and we urge you to exercise your leadership for our state and our planet by voting yes on HB 2021 with the -5 amendments.

Sincerely,  
Richa Poudyal, Policy Director, APANO