

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Helm, Vice-Chair Brock Smith and Members of the House Committee On Energy and Environment,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB2021.

I live in Portland but call Oregon my home. While we have taken important steps to protect the environment, climate change remains the biggest threat we face, and one we absolutely can and must do something about right now.

I urge you to support bill HB 2021, The Oregon 100% Clean Energy for All Act. It will require all of Oregon's electricity to come from clean energy resources, like wind and solar, by 2040. This bill should include critical labor standards to ensure new jobs in clean energy are well paid and include benefits while also incentivizing community-based projects that increase energy independence, affordability, and disaster resilience across Oregon.

If we want to ensure a future for the next generations and are truly committed to racial, social, and economic just, this is the path.

Please pass the 100% Clean Energy For All ACT! This critical bill will ensure new clean energy maximizes economic opportunities to environmental justice communities, meaning rural and low-income communities, Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color, and Tribal Nations.

Sincerely,
Zora Hess, Portland