

I am writing in support of House Bill 2021 with the -5 and -9 amendments, the 100% Clean Energy for All bill. My name is Kristine, and I have lived in the Portland metro area for 50 years.

Support for this bill is critical so that Oregon communities can benefit from the transition to clean energy. House Bill 2021 can help the communities in Oregon that are struggling the most from the pandemic and its economic impacts, extreme weather events, and wildfires to benefit from clean energy. That is why the Oregon legislature must take action.

We can build a strong, resilient, and clean energy economy for Oregon by ensuring the 100% Clean Energy Standard includes:

Labor standards that ensure clean energy projects hire local, pay the prevailing wage, benefits, and opportunities for apprenticeships.

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

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.

Globally, the burning of fossil fuels was responsible for 20% of deaths in 2018. Oregon can be a leader in supporting community-based energy projects and good jobs for local communities. This bill will help create the opportunity of clean energy to help rebuild from today's many crises.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021. Please support a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard with good jobs and community-based energy projects for Oregonians.

Sincerely,
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