

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy for All. I am a Lutheran pastor serving a joint Lutheran (ELCA)-Roman Catholic congregation in Beaverton, and I am also the Pastor-Organizer for EcoFaith Recovery, a leadership development organization working for environmental and racial justice.

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2021 because it offers a unique opportunity to tackle several related issues that we face in our state: the need to create more jobs in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need to address our climate crisis which is contributing to wildfires, severe weather events and other natural disasters, and the need to lift up and empower marginalized communities. The congregation I serve, Spirit of Grace in Beaverton, has as three of its core values "Eco-Justice," "Social Justice and Service," and "Welcoming of Children." I believe these are core values that all enlightened people in Oregon share.

HB 2021 addresses these core values by placing Oregon on a path to 100% Clean Energy for All while ensuring that the most vulnerable Oregonians benefit from the transition away from dirty fossil fuels. As a pastor who understands the importance of people-centered environmental and energy policies, I support HB 2021 because it includes:

- Strong labor standards that ensure clean energy projects hire local, pay the prevailing wage and provide good benefits, and reserve opportunities for apprenticeships
- Good 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 rural, low-income, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and people of color), and coastal communities and Tribes

In sum, I support House Bill 2021 because it will get Oregon on track to non-polluting energy that creates good jobs in our communities and community-based energy projects that increase independence and disaster resilience. It's good for people, good for Oregon, and good for the planet.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony. Please support HB 2021 and a strong 100% Clean Energy Standard with good jobs and community-based energy projects for all Oregonians.

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