

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Pham and Reschke and Revenue Committee Members —

I write to you in strong support of HB 2021A with the -5 and -9 amendments.

HB 2021 not only will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, but will guarantee in-state markets for renewables sited in Eastern Oregon as solar generation, Coos Bay as floating offshore wind, and throughout other parts of Oregon.

It will support development of community renewable energy projects particularly important as self-sustaining, redundant local energy sources during wildfire, flooding or other natural disasters.

It will promote development of modern energy generation free from the physical plant and legacy software vulnerabilities present in our aging fossil fuel infrastructure.

The -5 and -9 amendments will ensure Oregon-based plant development with good paying jobs with benefits. They will also ensure that the most environmentally polluted and job scarce communities are directly involved in project development.

It is important to keep in mind that emission reductions in Oregon directly improve our local air quality, snowpack, drought and fire dangers.

Please vote Yes on HB 2021A. And thank you for all your work on our behalf.

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