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To: House Interim Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Subject: 2025 Committee Legislative Concepts, with House Bill Numbers

HB 2068 (LC 649), dated 10/28/24 – Modifies provisions of the Bottle Bill beverage container redemption and Recycling Modernization Act. Allows Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission to create alternative access redemption centers for the purpose of accepting empty beverage containers in certain locations as part of the Bottle Bill program. Allows a producer responsibility organization depot redemption center at any recycling depot or drop-off center where a producer responsibility organization provides for the collection of redeemable beverage containers.

HB 2067 (LC 701), dated 10/1/2024 – Directs the Oregon Department of Energy to establish a rebate program for the purchase of battery-powered leaf blowers.

HB 2066 (LC 1513), dated 12/5/24 – Requires the Oregon Public Utility Commission to conduct an investigation to establish a regulatory framework for allowing the ownership, deployment, and use of microgrids and community microgrids.

HB 2065 (LC 1514), dated 12/5/24 – Requires individuals to have the option, when applying to a public utility for authority to interconnect a community renewable energy project or microgrid with the public utility's transmission or distribution system, to either agree to have the public utility or contract with a third-party consultant to conduct a required study or engineering evaluation of the interconnection.

HB 2064 (LC 1516), dated 12/6/2024 – Requires the Oregon Public Utility Commission and Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services to take certain actions related to microgrids. Permits local governments to take certain actions to prepare for and encourage microgrid development.

HB 2062 (LC 3674), dated 12/6/2024 – Requires producers of batteries or battery-containing products to join a battery producer responsibility organization and implement a battery producer responsibility program for the collection and recycling of batteries.

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Directs the Department of Environmental Quality to administer and enforce requirements of the Act. Establishes the Battery Producer Responsibility Fund.

HB 2063 (LC 2097), dated 11/22/2024 – Creates the Agrivoltaics Task Force. Requires task force to study agrivoltaics.