



**Written Testimony on House Bill 2534  
House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee  
February 13, 2023**

The Renewable Hydrogen Alliance is submitting these comments in support of House Bill 2534 and the -1 amendment.

RHA is a Pacific NW regional non-profit trade association that advocates using renewable energy to produce hydrogen and other carbon neutral fuels. RHA is proud to have in our membership fuel cell vehicle and hydrogen production equipment manufacturers, project developers, public and investor owned utilities, public transit agencies, labor unions, clean energy advocates, an Oregon Tribe and many others with an interest in the renewable and green electrolytic hydrogen sector.

The world is dramatically different than when the last Oregon energy strategy was released over 10 years ago. Since then, Oregon has enacted numerous significant policies and regulations on climate action that have definitive and measurable goals. Therefore, it is important to have an overarching view of how these policies and regulations impact demand and supply on the energy system, and a comprehensive strategy for how to meet that supply and demand in line with those policies and regulations.

Further, it is no longer possible to silo the energy system and look at it separately from the transportation and industrial sectors. A state energy strategy could reveal and guide the most effective pathways for managing the energy system to work together and interface with these sectors and the regulatory gaps we need to fill to do that.

RHA appreciates the energy technology neutrality of HB 2534 and the sponsor's interest in making sure the state energy strategy examines how hydrogen fits into the state's energy system.

RHA also appreciates the bill's provision that the energy strategy be updated on a regular basis. This is important and mirrors how Washington state conducts its energy strategy work where RHA has had opportunities to weigh in and provide input along with many other stakeholders. An energy strategy needs to be a living document and evolving guide because our energy system is not static (pardon the pun) and our energy strategy shouldn't be either.

Thank you.

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