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Testimony in Support of HB 3003
House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs and Members of the Committee:

The Community Renewable Energy Association (CREA) supports the plan proposed by HB 3003 with the forthcoming amendment.

CREA an intergovernmental entity representing local governments and developers of renewable energy facilities in Oregon since 2007.

Beyond the substantial environmental benefits eschewing from juniper removal we find that the energy generation benefits will be substantial.

- Local energy generation will enable communities like Prineville to become more energy self-reliant and resilient.
- Local energy generation will bring economic development benefits to the community.
- Using locally generated energy reduces transmission demands on the grid.
- There are several other tax incentives available for other technologies. It's often necessary to incentivize new technologies to achieve greater goals.
- There may be substantial federal funds that could be leveraged for these projects.

Therefore, we urge the committee to pass the bill on to the Revenue Committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike McArthur
Executive Director