



Testimony on HB 3579 - Clean Technology Leadership - to the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy, members of the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee,

My name is Dr. Pat DeLaquil, and I am an energy system modeler and climate policy expert. I live in Gresham, and am testifying today on behalf the Metro Climate Action Team (MCAT), which is a community of volunteers working to ensure Oregon is a leader in addressing the climate crisis.

We strongly support HB 3579 and the forthcoming amendments. The Inflation Reduction Act includes \$60 billion in incentives for domestic manufacturing across the clean energy supply chain. Unfortunately, Oregon is far behind other states when it comes to leveraging these incentives and proactively attracting, supporting, and growing clean technology manufacturers.

HB 3579 will help maximize Oregon's competitiveness in clean technology field by:

1. Establishing a fund within Business Oregon to award loans, grants, or incentives to eligible entities to provide financial assistance to support companies in re-equipping, expanding or establishing clean technology manufacturing facilities in Oregon.
2. Directing the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop a statewide policy and plan for procuring zero-emission technologies that (1) Promotes domestic and regional manufacturing job creation, and (2) leverages state and regional resources for bulk purchases and price agreements to attract regional clean tech manufacturing.
3. Creating a Task Force with representatives from relevant state agencies, clean technology manufacturers and innovators, labor, and economic development and climate experts to identify new, strategic policy mechanisms and tools for Oregon to attract and grow clean technology manufacturers and support clean energy job growth.

This bill has the potential to leverage as much as \$20B in private sector investment that will support sustained economic growth, create good union jobs, jumpstart new local businesses, improve climate preparedness, address supply chain constraints, and ensure affordable access to clean energy technologies.

I have worked on the research, development and demonstration of clean energy technologies since 1980, and I have seen both the need for and the significant impacts of well-designed incentives, such as contained in HB 3579, and the legislature has a responsibility to ensure that Oregon makes the most of the historic federal investments.

For these reasons and other reasons, MCAT strongly urges you to support HB 3579 and the forthcoming amendment.

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