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To: Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Levy, Vice-Chair Levy, Members of the Committee,

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For the record My name is Ranfis Giannettino Villatoro and I am the Oregon Policy Manager with BlueGreen Alliance that works with labor and environmental organizations to address our environmental challenges while creating good quality jobs. BlueGreen Alliance is guided by the principle that we can no longer choose between good jobs and a clean and safe environment—that the actions we take to create quality jobs and to protect working people and the environment must go hand-in-hand, and that together, we will build a clean, thriving, and fair economy.

BlueGreen Alliance proudly supports the Clean Technology Leadership (HB 3579) as it has the potential to make Oregon a regional leader in clean tech manufacturing while promoting good high skilled manufacturing jobs through procurement preference and the Oregon Clean Tech Opportunity Fund.

What the bill and the -1 amendment does:

- Section 1 lays out definitions for terms such as:
 - **“Apprenticeship”** and **“Pre-apprenticeship”** to state statute
 - **“clean energy technology”** that includes energy generation (wind, solar, storage, etc) and energy conservation in heating, cooling, and ventilation in residential or commercial buildings (including electric heat pumps, water heater, etc) and related parts and components, and infrastructure that supports electric vehicles (including medium- and heavy-duty)
 - **“Disadvantaged worker”**- veterans, women, workers with disabilities, and BIPOC
 - **“Living wage”**- industry wages in prevailing wage, service contracts, collective bargaining agreements, or MIT self-sufficiency standards
 - -and- in **Section 1 (4) directs Department of Administrative Services** to allow contractors and suppliers in bulk purchases and price agreements to demonstrate local (Oregon) job creation in high-skilled manufacturing jobs
- **Section 2: Creates a taskforce on Establishing, Attracting and Sustaining Manufacturing of Clean Energy Technology**, which includes 13 seats that are inclusive of industry, labor, climate, economic development agencies, and local government, while providing flexibility for the committee to add seats over time.



- Section 3: Sunsets the taskforce by 2032
- **Section 4 Creates the Oregon Clean Technology Manufacturing Opportunity Fund** which is directed to be administered with under Business Oregon which aims to “foster, attract, and sustain” clean energy technology manufacturing in this state whether it be via grants or loans and provides flexibility for various of sources of funding to be deposited into fund for the purposes of:
 - Research for site location and project development
 - Repurpose and retooling for Oregon manufacturers to produce clean energy technology assembly and supply chain
 - Support clean technology assembly and supply chain
- **Additionally, section 4(6) allows the Business Oregon to delegate Funds** to a nonprofit or CDFI to get essential funding out quicker to entities that includes evaluation criteria that is promoting high-skilled manufacturing job creation, diverse recruitment, investments in apprenticeship/trainings, and providing living wage jobs.
- **Section 5: Makes an appropriation of \$10 million in the fund**

We look forward to an additional amendment to further clean up language to better fit intent and hope the committee joins us in supporting the Clean Tech Leadership bill, the -1 amendment, and the forthcoming -2 clean-up amendment .

Respectfully,

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