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Oregon House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

RE: HB 2170

Dear Chari Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and members,

Thank you for your consideration of HB 2170-3, a bill designed to support proactive community and state level understanding of the feasibility of establishing a renewable hydrogen hub at the international Port of Coos Bay.

Green electrolytic and renewable hydrogen are recognized globally as critical tools for the rapid yet responsible transition to clean energy economies and energy structures. Nationally, tens of billions of dollars of funding and investment incentives have been dedicated to establishing national hydrogen hubs with additional incentives directed toward investments in rural, energy islanded communities such as Oregon's south coast.

The Port of Coos Bay is poised to leverage planned investments in container handling infrastructure and future offshore wind development with bundled hydrogen infrastructure to support coastal grid reliability, community level energy resilience, long haul road and marine transportation, port decarbonization, global maritime trade and contribute to Willamette Valley decarbonization of the energy generation and long-haul transportation sectors. Without a preliminary feasibility assessment, the Port of Coos Bay is unprepared to attract the funding necessary for comprehensive community engagement, planning, design and responsible development.

HB2170 directs the Oregon Department of Energy to take the first step toward understanding the feasibility of establishing a renewable hydrogen hub at the Port of Coos Bay. The -3 amendment aligns the scope and definitions with other renewable and green electrolytic hydrogen legislation. Oregon Coast Energy Alliance Network (OCEAN) and Community Renewable Energy Alliance (CREA) encourage you to support this legislation.

Respectfully,  
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