



Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Co-Chair Meek, Co-Chair Nathanson, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar and storage technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar and storage industry stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar value chain; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar and storage projects on the local, state and regional level.

OSSIA supports passage of HB 3004. The bill creates a corporate or income tax credit for eligible electricity generators to offset the costs of transmission services. Oregon has a unique opportunity to take advantage of federal incentives for clean energy development. The Inflation Reduction Act has already generated billions in investment across the country. HB 3004 positions the state to encourage IRA investment in Oregon which will bring economic benefits, jobs, and property tax revenue to our state. Transmission costs can be expensive in Oregon due the federal transmission system and the transmission systems of individual utilities.

HB 3004 encourages energy projects to be built in Oregon so that Oregon can reap the benefits of those projects through the increased property taxes paid to counties, the clean energy delivered to Oregonians, and the construction jobs during development.

OSSIA urges passage of the HB 3004.

Sincerely,

Jack Watson
Director of Policy and Regulatory Affairs