



April 26, 2023

Chair Sollman
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: **Support** for HB 3055A

Chair Sollman,

With the passage of HB 2021 two years ago, Oregon became a global leader in the clean energy transition. As we progress on our state's clean energy transition, we know that distributed energy resources, including PURPA Qualifying Facilities (QFs) will be critical. HB 3055A would create parity for the maximum capacity of solar and wind QFs. We strongly support this measure. Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

QFs provide cost effective options. The costs utilities pay for resources from QFs are equal to avoided costs, which are the costs the utility would otherwise incur if it had acquired the power elsewhere or generated the power from its own resources.

Legislators included in HB 2021 a preference for small scale and community based renewable energy developed in Oregon. Increasing the cap for solar QFs to create parity with wind will help drive more small scale renewable energy right here at home, increasing energy resilience and economic development, particularly in our rural communities.

To meet our clean energy targets and decarbonization goals, Oregon should foster a wide range of clean energy resources, including utility-scale facilities, microgrids, and small scale renewables. QFs have an important role to play in our clean energy future. It is time we put solar QFs on the same footing as those powered by wind. HB 3055A will accomplish this goal. We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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