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To: Chair Holvey, Vice-Chair Elmer, Vice-Chair Sosa, Members of the Committee,

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On behalf of BlueGreen Alliance (BGA), we support HB 4080 and the –1 Amendment. BGA works with labor and environmental organizations to address our environmental challenges while creating good quality jobs. BGA 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 together as we will build a clean, thriving, and fair economy.

BGA, strongly supports HB 4080 and the accompanying –1 amendment as it aims to:

- **Require the creation of an Offshore wind roadmap.** This is important for many who are asking for a process improvement in how the state engages with various stakeholders—such as conservationists, commercial fishermen, coastal community members, labor, the renewable industry, tribes, and other interested stakeholders. It should be the policy of the state to further investigate the potential benefits and impacts of offshore wind, develop important technical studies on some of the most pressing questions (environment, transmission, energy generation, economic development, workforce development), and provide meaningful engagement. We look to replicating roadmap effort similar to the state of Maine¹.
- **Adds the emphasis on the protection of tribal cultural and archaeological resources, culturally significant viewsheds and other interests of Indian tribes; and protection of the environment and marine species (see Section 3(1)(e-f)) in a roadmap.** It is vitally important we make clear the intent to protect the culturally significant viewsheds and other interests of Indian tribes, while protecting the environment and marine species.
- **Require responsible labor-contractor standards and domestic supply chain in the event of development.** While we create a roadmap, we need to ensure that Oregon's workforce--especially our coastal communities-- are given the opportunity to be trained, employed, and provided the protection to ensure living wages and pathways to retirement. In addition, the legislation also promotes a domestic supply chain in the event of development.

In aggregate, this legislation promotes a thoughtful approach in process, stakeholder engagement, while protecting Oregon's workers. We strongly encourage a yes vote.

Respectfully,

¹ Maine's Offshore Wind Roadmap, State of Maine Governor's Energy Office (website)-
<https://www.maine.gov/energy/initiatives/offshorewind/roadmap>



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