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Chair Holvey, Vice Chairs Elmer and Sosa and members of the committee,

My name is Odalis Aguilar Aguilar and I am writing today on behalf of Oregon AFSCME Council 75 in support of HB 4080. Oregon AFSCME represents over 37,000 workers across the State of Oregon in both the public and private sector. Our membership ranges from the professionals and techs at OHSU to the folks working in local governments that carry out essential services.

At Oregon AFSCME, we support legislation that promotes and enhances labor standards to ensure that workers are safe and protected. This bill does just that, it ensures strong labor standards that are in alignment with existing Oregon State Policies and the values of the Offshore Wind Provisions in the Federal Inflation Reduction Act. HB 4080 will ensure jobs created will be high-road with career pathways and stimulate the local economy.

This crucial piece of legislation will also fund a roadmap that will give communities the chance to give input and receive much needed information on the potential impacts of these projects. The bill helps ensure that the state does everything we can to align these potential projects with the Oregon values of strong labor standards while at the same time ensuring the affected communities and groups are involved every step of the way.

This way, the Bureau of Oceanic Energy Management (BOEM) is able to make a much better informed and comprehensive decision around floating offshore wind that is led by a community-driven process, and ensures that then when and if these projects come to Oregon, they are done to the highest quality and support local workers.

Without this policy, BOEM would lose critical feedback and without taking a community centered approach, would not be able to understand the uniqueness of our state or what Oregon values can. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support and urge a yes vote from the committee on HB 4080.

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