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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB4112

House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
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RE: HB 4112 and forthcoming -3 amendment – SUPPORT

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

Companies literally around the world are using federal Inflation Reduction Act incentives to expand or establish clean technology businesses and manufacturing facilities in the United States. It's time for Oregon to get in on the action and become a leader in the clean tech economy. The 2024 Clean Technology Leadership bill (HB 4112) is critical to making that happen.

Indeed, HB 4112 will improve Oregon's competitiveness in attracting, expanding, and sustaining new and existing clean energy technology manufacturers.

- Incentives: The bill creates an Opportunity Fund within Business Oregon to support companies in establishing, retooling, or expanding clean energy technology manufacturing facilities in Oregon. A state expenditure of \$20M will ensure Oregon's competitiveness in securing nearly \$800M in federal incentives.
- Procurement: The bill directs the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to develop a statewide policy for evaluating and procuring zero-emission technologies to promote in-state clean tech job creation and manufacturing. This is a critical adjunct to obtaining the incentives above.
- Task Force: The bill establishes a statewide advisory council to support public-private partnership and identify additional strategic policy mechanisms and tools for Oregon to attract, grow and sustain clean energy technology companies. The work of the task force will support our efforts to get the IRA dollars identified above and still more.

So, it's easy to urge you to support the Clean Technology Leadership bill (HB 4112), which will help Oregon to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in federal Inflation Reduction Act investments. As clean energy technologies like heat pumps, solar panels, and electric vehicles become inevitably more in demand around the world,

the small investment this legislation authorizes will enable Oregon to lead in developing and delivering those technologies. In the bargain, HB 4112 and the -3 amendment will support sustained local economic growth, address supply chain constraints, lower costs for Oregonians, and create much-needed family-wage jobs across the state.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to support HB 4112 and the -3 amendment.

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