

Chair Marsh, members of the Committee,

My name is Robert Benjamin, CEO Aris Hydronics, located in Oak Grove, Oregon .

I am glad for the opportunity to **enthusiastically** testify in support of **HB 4112 and the -3 amendment**.

As a founder of a clean tech manufacturing startup - incorporated and operating in the **State of Oregon** - I can tell you first-hand the many challenges facing **climate tech entrepreneurs in Oregon** getting our businesses off the ground and thriving.

Aris Hydronic was founded to make higher performance, cleaner HVAC accessible and affordable for families through-out Oregon and beyond.

Over the past 2 years we have been working hard with the goal of creating many stable living wage jobs here Oregon while rapidly and holistically addressing the root causes and impacts of rapid **climate destabilization**.

In that time ARIS has developed and proven innovative technology that effectively cuts emissions and lowers energy burdens.

We have proven there is demand for our products throughout the country and into Canada.

ARIS has received recognition of the equitable benefits of our technology from organizations such as the U.S. Department of Energy, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the National Association of Home Builders.

Unfortunately our growth and impact, like many of the Oregon based climate tech companies I have spoken with, has been limited by a lack of accessible resources on the home front.

What is sorely missing in Oregon is an eco-system to support promising climate tech endeavors throughout the state of Oregon through the key growth stages.

The passage of the “Oregon Clean Tech Leadership HB 4112 and the -3 amendment would go a long way in getting such an eco-system off the ground and help keep Oregon competitive in a more responsible and equitable nationally and internationally evolving green economy.