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| Measure, Appointment or<br>Topic: | HB3609  |

I am supporting House Bill 3609 to require utilities to create a distributed power plant (DPP) program. to bring benefits to all Oregonians, saving money, helping of growing demand for energy, and frequent power outages due to climate changes an reducing the need for peaker power plants. I think it will enable more folks to adopt solar energy, battery storage and resources to spur much-needed economic development, private investment, innovation and technology development.

We haven't invested in solar for the simple reason of our economic status and age ~ I am 80 years old. But my husband and I believe strongly in using solar wherever possible and DPP seems like a great way to access broader benefits of community power programs for all electric customers. It seems like a no-brainer. Thank you for listening.