



February 2, 2026

Representative John Lively, Chair
House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association Supports HB 4029

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment:

Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association (OMEU) is made up of eleven municipally owned and operated electric utilities. Our rates are not-for-profit and set to cover the costs of service, not to earn a rate of return for investors. For municipal electric utilities, and other consumer-owned utilities, our rates are determined locally by our governing boards.

OMEU would like to thank Chair Lively for his leadership on this important consumer protection measure. HB 4029 will ensure that customers have accurate, written information prior to making a significant investment in a solar system. One important requirement in the bill is that the local electric utility must approve the interconnection agreement prior to the installer beginning work. Unfortunately, we have examples in our service territories where consumers were misinformed, but it was too late to unwind the purchase.

It is gratifying that representatives of the solar industry, utilities, and consumer protection groups were all able to come together to support these common sense reforms that will help us all.

Thank you.

/s/ Jennifer Joly

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