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Oregonians need access to safe, clean, affordable energy. Plug-in solar is one way to achieve that access, and why I am in strong support of HB 4080. This bill will improve climate and energy resiliency for households across Oregon. By removing permitting barriers and allowing the adoption of plug-in solar, the bill makes solar energy significantly more accessible. Small-scale solar systems are affordable and portable, making them an attractive option for renters and for homeowners who may not be able invest in roof-top solar. Small-scale solar kits make energy more affordable at the same time that they contribute to limiting the climate-changing emissions cause by burning fossil fuels.

The bill allows households to generate solar energy without requiring complex utility interconnection agreements and associated reviews and fees. Plug-in solar has been used safely in Europe for many years, and passed with unanimous, bipartisan support in Utah in March 2025. Portable or plug-in solar systems must be listed by Underwriters Laboratories (UL), ensuring rigorous safety testing for household devices. Paired with a battery, plug-in solar can also provide power during an outage.