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House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB4031

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

SUPPORT for HB 4031 Temporary exemptions from EFSC approval for renewable energy projects

I live in Jackson County, am aware of the climate crisis we and future generations face, and fully support this bill's efforts to address the very unfortunate federal rollbacks of clean renewable energy incentives offered in the Inflation Reduction Act. This is a creative and common-sense solution to assist a limited number of projects already in development. They will still go through established planning and permitting procedures at the local level, but would not have sufficient time to meet EFSC requirements due to the recent short-sighted federal policy changes.

Without timely state action, Oregon risks losing billions of dollars in private investment, thousands of family-wage jobs, and critical progress toward energy affordability, reliability, and independence.

Please pass this bill and help Oregon make progress towards our clean energy targets.

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