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To: Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Re: Support of HB 4080
Date: February 6, 2026

Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN) supports HB 4080 and we strongly urge you to pass this important legislation this year.

COIN is a coalition of over 75 local Indivisible groups throughout Oregon that cooperate and amplify their joint efforts to advance important federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes for the benefit of all Oregonians.

HB 4080 will establish a regulatory process for certifying portable plug-in solar photovoltaic devices for retail consumers in Oregon. This will open the door for renters, those not able to install rooftop solar panels, and other homeowners, to have access to a low-cost, practical option for generating solar energy for use in their own homes. Customers will have efficacy to offset their households' energy use with devices producing up to 1,200 watts of green energy. These systems are low-cost, therefore consumers will be able to recover initial costs in a short time. Since the devices are portable, individuals can take them when they move.

HB 4080 removes regulatory barriers such as the interconnection agreement with utilities, while at the same time requiring the process of making sure that plug-in solar devices are safe. The bill strengthens electrical safety standards by ensuring that plug-in solar devices can only be introduced after rigorous certification, code adoption, and state oversight. For example,

- Products must achieve UL certification appropriate to the system as a whole, not merely component-level listing.
- National standards bodies (UL, IEEE, NFPA, NEC) will determine technical requirements, testing methods, and worker protection.

- DCBS and the Building Codes Division retain full authority to adopt, modify, or restrict installation requirements through rulemaking
- No system may be installed unless and until it complies with adopted Oregon code.

There is a great deal of enthusiasm towards using plug-in solar in the near future. While the systems' capacity will be capped at 1,200 watts, it is enough electricity to noticeably offset a household's energy use, and incrementally contribute to Oregon's transition to renewable energy. Only a small percentage of Oregon homeowners have been able to install rooftop solar panels, contributing to less than 2% of Oregon's energy production. What could a million plug-in solar systems add to the renewable energy mix?

HB 4080 is a commonsense bill that removes unnecessary barriers and guides the state in the rule-making and regulations that will allow Oregonians to invest in renewable energy with safe, consumer ready technology.

Please vote YES on HB 4080 to move it out of committee.

Respectfully,
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