



February 10, 2026

Re: Portland Metro Chamber support for HB 4060

Honorable Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and the Environment,

The Portland Metro Chamber respectfully submits this testimony in support of HB 4060.

The Portland Metro Chamber (The Chamber) is greater Portland's Chamber of Commerce and represents the largest, most diverse network of businesses in the region. The Alliance advocates for business at all levels of government to support commerce, community health and the region's overall prosperity. We represent more than 2,200 members, from 27 counties, 13 states and virtually every industry sector. More than 80% of our members are small businesses.

The Portland region is facing significant economic uncertainty with record commercial vacancy rates, stagnating population, and tens of thousands of job losses resulting in declining state and local revenues from business and property taxes. We know the state budget is dependent on a healthy economy in the Portland region. A study published in 2025 showed that every state dollar spent in Portland has returned approximately \$1.55 to the state general, or a 55% return.

The Portland Metro Chamber strongly supports HB 4060. Without proper time to redesign and replace full fixtures, businesses are forced into short-lived "screw-in" LED substitutions. These temporary fixes fail faster, require more frequent replacement, and result in the unnecessary disposal of working fluorescent bulbs which undermines long-term sustainability.

Large facilities, which include some of Portland's most important commercial towers and employers, operate on a fundamentally different scale than small and mid-sized businesses when it comes to lighting systems, electrical infrastructure, and retrofit requirements. For large facilities, compliance is not a matter of replacing individual bulbs - it requires a coordinated, multi-year effort to redesign lighting systems, rewire fixtures, replace ballasts, and schedule specialized electrical work across numerous buildings. These projects involve complex sequencing, supply-chain coordination, and significant capital investment, all of which cannot feasibly be completed within a multi-year window.

Limiting the extended compliance period to large facilities ensures that relief is narrowly tailored to the entities facing the greatest logistical and operational barriers - rather than applying a blanket delay that would unnecessarily expand the scope of the legislation. The approach laid out in the bill ensures the state's commitment to energy efficiency while recognizing that large-scale infrastructure requires a longer, carefully planned runway to convert safely, effectively, and sustainably.

For these reasons, the Portland Metro Chamber urges the committee to support HB 4060
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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