

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301



February 12, 2026

From: Community Renewable Energy Association - CREA

Subject: Testimony in support of HB 4076 with the -1 amendment

Chair Lively, Vice Chair Levy, Vice Chair Gamba and members of the committee:

CREA supports the proposal in HB 4076 with the -1 amendment.

CREA is an ORS 190 intergovernmental association, with both Oregon local government elected leaders and renewable energy developers on its board of directors. Members include counties, irrigation districts, councils of government, renewable energy project developers, for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations. CREA supports business and local economic opportunities through renewable energy development in a competitive environment. Our organization looks at energy policy from two angles – those of the developers and those of the local governments.

HB 4076 with the -1 amendments is a commonsense change that will help co-locate generation sites, utilizing existing site locations and infrastructure. This change will help certain facilities by allowing them to meet the EFSC goal 3 exemption for additional renewable energy development. Wind and solar only generate energy a portion of the time, together they can significantly increase a facility's overall energy capacity. Oregon has established strong renewable energy goals, developing more solar and wind is key to reaching those objectives. CREA believes this surplus generation siting exception to goal 3 is a fantastic idea. We would even encourage evaluating expanding this proposal to be available to more already sited and developed facilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Williamson", is written over a light blue circular scribble.

James Williams
CREA Executive Director