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Eugene Water & Electric Board supports HB 4029

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee:

The Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) is a not-for-profit consumer-owned municipal utility serving almost 200,000 residents in Eugene and the McKenzie River Valley. **EWEB supports HB 4029** – legislation that will help Oregon residents better understand what they will and will not be getting with a solar energy install, help prevent deceptive solar sales tactics, and hold bad actors accountable.

HB 4029 requires disclosures from solar installers to consumers, including a good faith written estimate of the projected electric bill savings in a manner that accounts for utility-specific electric rates and net metering policies. Importantly the bill also requires an approved interconnection agreement with the local electric utility before a solar installation begins, making for an orderly sequencing that's in the best interest of all parties.

Most Oregon solar installers are good actors who already employ many of the standards set forth in HB 4029 – this bill seeks to curtail deceptive and high-pressure sales tactics largely linked to fly-by-night out-of-state companies.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this prudent solar consumer protection policy.

Sincerely,

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