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OLCV Testimony on HB 4148

Dear Chair Helm and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of HB 4148.

This bill thoughtfully considers that any newly-created board or commission for the Oregon Department of Energy should be able to be forward-thinking so that the agency can continue to make progress on energy and climate as Oregon's landscape changes. This bill will help the agency move forward and contribute needed expertise to our state's clean energy future.

In stark contrast to the bills over in the Senate that aim to reform the agency, this bill ensures appointed board members are well-informed in energy and climate issues and reflect a diverse range of experiences.

An oversight board will help the agency develop Oregon's energy strategy – which is critical as our energy system is quickly changing, for the better. The agency will also benefit from an oversight board to help with planning, policy and technical analysis, legislative concepts, and the department's requested budget.

I urge your support.

Sincerely,

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