# 100% Clean Electricity LTE

House Bill 2021 will put Oregon on a track to reach 100% clean electricity generation by 2040 while expanding the lowest cost sources of new electricity generation and creating thousands of new jobs and economic development in our rural and coastal counties.

Oregonians are already suffering from the economic and health impacts of the climate crisis, and the wildfires, smoke pollution, drought and extreme weather events are only going to get worse unless we act quickly. Not only will transitioning to solar, wind, storage and other clean energy technologies eliminate one of our state’s largest and growing sources of climate pollution - fossil gas plants - but a zero-emission electric sector will serve as the clean energy backbone to power our buildings, transportation, and industries. HB2021 will spark needed economic development in the renewable energy sector and create family-wage jobs for clean energy, storage, and transmission projects.

This bill was developed through a broad coallition of stakeholders and includes strong labor standards, good incentives for in-state and community-based energy projects, and provisions that prioritize benefits and avoid harms to environmental justice communities.

Eighteen other states have already set some form of 100% clean electricity standard, and Oregon needs to step-up and not get left behind in this transition to a clean energy future. Oregon is blessesd with significant renewable resources, including a tremednous potentiial for off-shore wind, which if developed would revitalize our southern coast.

By setting clear targets for cleaning up Oregon’s electricity and supporting community-based energy projects and good jobs for local communities, we can seize the opportunity of clean energy to help rebuild from today’s many crises.

Sincerely,

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