



Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Salem, OR

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Dear Chair Marsh and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony. Spark Northwest is a regional nonprofit that partners on clean energy projects with rural and urban marginalized communities across the Pacific Northwest.

We applaud the Committee's decision to hear HB 3418. Extending state incentives for the Oregon Solar + Storage Rebate program will support an equitable transition to clean energy by:

1. Making the benefits of solar energy more accessible to families and communities who have historically been excluded
2. Leveraging new incentives created by the Inflation Reduction Act, especially the bonus tax credit for projects with benefits to low-income communities
3. Helping fire-impacted communities gain access to solar + storage systems that will provide resilience benefits during future extreme weather events

Today we are excited to offer our support for HB 3418. As you work to pass the bill out of committee, we urge you to treat it as one component of an ecosystem of bills that will keep Oregonians safe and healthy through extreme weather, including but not limited to HB 2990, "Relating to Community Resilience," and SB 868, "Healthy Heating and Cooling for All."

Sincerely,

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