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Rep. Ken Helm and Sen. Michael Dembrow Statements on Clean Energy Jobs Work Group Meetings

SALEM – The four bipartisan work groups tasked with refining the Clean Energy Jobs legislation ahead of the 2018 legislative session wrapped up a second round of meetings on Tuesday.

The work groups, made up of legislators and stakeholders from a wide range of industry and interest groups, have been convened by Rep. Ken Helm (D-Beaverton), the chair of the House Committee on Energy and the Environment, and Sen. Michael Dembrow (D-Portland), the chair of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

“I am pleased with the progress of the work groups, and everyone’s willingness to participate in these conversations to maximize the legislation’s benefits for all Oregonians,” Rep. Helm said. “We have an opportunity in front of us to ensure a healthy environment for generations to come and, at the same time, grow our economy into the 21st Century.”

“It’s becoming clearer every day that now is the time for Oregon to step up and continue the momentum for a clean-energy future. If we do this right, it will be a great thing for Oregon’s economy, especially for rural and disadvantaged communities. Thanks to these work groups, with input so far from hundreds of Oregonians from all parts of the state, we’re on track to put the finishing touches on a legislative proposal that has been years in the making. We can all be proud of the diligent, transparent way in which the Legislature is stepping up to this challenge.”

The next meeting of the work groups is scheduled for Nov. 1 and 2. To find out more information about the work groups and the legislation, visit:

<https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/helm/Pages/clean-energy.aspx>.

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