



CREATING GOOD JOBS, A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, AND A FAIR AND THRIVING ECONOMY

Chair Long,

I am writing to express BlueGreen Alliance's support of HF1750. Creating the office of Energy Transition Legacy Office is a great first step to make sure there is long-term support for workers and communities impacted by the current energy transition of our state's utilities. BlueGreen Alliance has been working with communities and workers around energy transition for a long time. Our platform to solve America's interlinked crises of climate change, income inequality, and racial injustice, *Solidarity for Climate Action*, calls for long-term support for communities with worker participation in a transition fueled by creating and sustaining good-paying jobs—like the ones that the community will be losing by the closure of the energy plant. This bill will help ensure that plant workers are part of the process by adding them to the Energy Legacy Advisory Committee.

This legislation also creates a great foundation to handle the current transitions and other possible energy transition that our state may face in the future. It is helpful to have a state employee coordinating between all levels of government, managing an advisory committee, and focusing on the long-term planning that is necessary for communities to not only survive but to thrive during these transitions.

BlueGreen Alliance would like to thank Rep. Christensen for authoring this legislation and Chair Long for hearing this very important bill that will make sure workers will not have to choose between a good-paying job and a clean environment.

Sincerely,

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The BlueGreen Alliance unites labor unions and environmental organizations to solve today's environmental challenges in ways that create and maintain quality jobs and build a clean, thriving, and equitable economy.