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Co-Chairs Beyer and McKeown and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

The Oregon PUD Association (OPUDA) members include all Oregon electric PUDs, which provide at-cost electric service to nearly two-thirds of the Oregon coastline, parts of Columbia and Multnomah counties, Lane County, and as far east as Wasco County. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on an issue of great importance to us.

Oregon is a leader in building a growing a green economy and Oregon PUDs are an important part of that success, providing nearly GHG-free hydroelectricity to our customers. OPUDA members and our customers are committed to doing their part in lowering the Oregon's GHG emissions.

Oregon PUDs are already invested in Electric Vehicle infrastructure (EVs) via our own utility investments and as credit-generators under the Oregon Clean Fuels program. PUDs are using the revenue generated under the Clean Fuels Program coupled with our own funds to invest in EV infrastructure in our service territories.

Oregon PUDs support the goals of SB 1044, promoting zero-emission vehicle use. We appreciate the work that has taken place on this bill and urge its passage.

Thank you,

Roger Howe, Oregon PUD Association 2019 President

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