



**February 21, 2020**

**To:** Senate Environment Committee

**Re:** HB 4066A. Clean Fuels Investments and Wildfire Mitigation Planning

Dear Committee Members,

Oregon COUs support HB 4066A.

Wildfire Planning:

In many of our service territories, wildfire is a threat to our mission of safe, reliable, and affordable electricity. In those areas most at risk, consumer-owned utilities (COUs) are redoubling efforts to prevent and mitigate fire risk. While we agree that it makes sense for all utilities to evaluate their wildfire risk, we appreciate the recognition in HB 4066A that IOUs and COUs have different business and governance models that warrant unique statutory treatment.

We appreciate the flexibility that HB 4066A provides in allowing the wildfire mitigation plan to be tailored to the unique risks of each individual COU as approved by their governing Board.

Clean Fuels Program Investments:

Oregon COUs recognize the value electric vehicles bring to our customers in terms of a new source of flexible, clean public power load growth. Many COUs have leveraged Clean Fuels Program (CFP) funding to invest in new infrastructure and support increased EV adoption.

HB 4066A, which requires CFP credit revenue to be reinvested in transportation electrification within the COU service territory, is an appropriate next step for the CFP by creating a dedicating revenue source for EV-related investments. HB 4066A provides for the flexibility so that each unique utility can spend their revenue in a way that fits the utility service territory.

Thank you.