



# Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

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## Regarding SB 314 Before the Senate Committee on Energy & Environment

For the record, my name is Samuel Pastrick. I'm the Advocacy and Development Manager at Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB). CUB is a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit consumer advocacy organization that represents and advocates for the broad interests of residential energy and telecommunications utility customers. The following testimony indicates CUB's support for **Section 1** of SB 314, as well as concern regarding **Section 3**.

Regarding **Section 1**: At a high level, CUB supports well-planned electrification of the transportation sector. Transportation electrification (TE) reduces greenhouse gas emissions and represents a significant opportunity for regulated electric utilities to proactively manage the integration of current and future electric load growth. TE benefits all customers by allowing regulated electric utilities to spread fixed system costs across a broader customer base to support the distribution system. This is possible because electric vehicles (EVs) generate revenue as additional load when charging. Regulated electric utilities can then use this additional revenue to offset fixed costs paid by all customers to support the shared distribution system. Lowering these shared distribution costs can lower rates for all customers, including non-EV owners.

Regarding **Section 3**: Because vehicle manufacturers are increasingly planning for all-electric fleets, CUB is concerned that allowing regulated natural gas utilities to recover transportation infrastructure costs in customer rates (particularly for the purpose of light duty transportation) could result in the imposition of significant stranded costs onto natural gas utility customers.

Respectfully,

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