

Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy & Environment,

My name is Micah and I live in Wilsonville, Oregon. I urge you to vote yes on House Bill 2475 A as it currently stands and move it forward to the Senate floor with a do pass recommendation. Please do not adopt the "-A11" amendments, which would defeat a major purpose of this bill by substantially limiting intervenor funding for environmental justice stakeholders and existing Public Utility Commission intervenors like the Citizens' Utility Board.

Affordable energy bills are crucial for my community of youth working class. Everyone I know dreads their bills. We have conversations about sacrificing heat, water, or cooking just to pay our bills. Our lives are worse off because of our current rate structures. House Bill 2475 A will allow the Public Utility Commission to adopt rate structures that help solve the issue of unaffordable energy bills while also removing barriers to communities who wish to offer input on energy decision making in Oregon.

Participation in decision making is also important for my community as the people who will inherit this earth. With the understanding that the highest carbon emitters are our largest corporations, individual consumers need more say in how their energy is being distributed and where their money is going. This bill as it currently stands is a step forward for Energy Justice in a time of rampant inequality.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2475 A, which passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. Please pass this bill as-is onward to the Senate floor for a vote with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,
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