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Regarding SB 314-A Before the House Committee on Energy & Environment

Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) represents and advocates for the broad interests of residential energy and telecommunications utility customers. CUB supports Section 1 of SB 314-A, but remains concerned with Section 3.

Support Re: Section 1: Regulated electric utilities have an obligation to provide customers with reasonable service. Customers benefit today from generally predictable and low costs. However, anticipated load growth from the electrification of the transportation sector requires investment in infrastructure and programs from these utilities. Transportation electrification benefits electric utility customers because electric vehicles generate revenue as load. Utilities can use this revenue to offset other costs. Lowering costs can lower bills, including for those who don't own or even intend to own an electric vehicle.

Concern Re: Section 3: Vehicle manufacturers are planning rapidly for all-electric fleets, CUB is concerned that allowing natural gas utilities to recover transportation infrastructure costs in customer rates - particularly for the purpose of light duty transportation - could ultimately result in stranded costs for natural gas utility customers.

Respectfully,

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