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To: House Revenue Committee

RE: HB 2021

As this bill moves through the legislative process, questions have been asked by many different stakeholders and most have not been clearly answered, if they have been addressed at all. These questions include but are not limited to:

- Does this bill require utilities to report on CO2 emissions from energy generated to sell into the power market?
 - Current DEQ rules on GHG reporting require that the electric utilities "Report the megawatt-hours (MWh) and greenhouse gas emissions from the generation of electricity from unspecified sources and from each specified source delivered or distributed to end users in Oregon during the previous year,..." OAR 340-215-0120
 - The enabling statute allows for reporting of ALL emissions: "Rules adopted by the commission under this section for electricity that is imported, sold, allocated or distributed for use in this state may require reporting of information necessary to determine greenhouse gas emissions from generating facilities used to produce the electricity and related electricity transmission line losses." 468A.280(2)
- HB 2021 requires only reporting emissions associated with generation use to serve load. Does this represent a giant loophole under which utility total emissions are not actually reduced? Did the utilities write this section of the bill?
- How much new renewable generation will be constructed in Oregon under this bill? Do supporters of this bill understand that the vast majority, if not all, of the renewable resource development that may occur as a result of this bill as-is will occur in Montana, Wyoming, Utah – other states and not Oregon?
- For the supporters of this bill, many of whom sound excited at the prospect of Oregon jobs at good wage levels: How many of those jobs in Oregon will be created by this bill as is? How specifically will disadvantaged communities in Oregon benefit from this bill as it is currently written?
- How much in property taxes will be generated in Oregon to benefit our local communities resulting from this bill as-is?
- When will the first meaningful action occur as a result of this bill as-is? At what point will the specific investments be made and paid for by Oregon ratepayers? When will the administrative rules needed to implement this bill be completed?
- To the environmental groups, many of whom I support, who are so seemingly excited about passage of this bill as-is: When do you believe any actual actions to decrease emissions from electric utility generation in our state will occur?

I hope this committee insists on getting to answers to these questions. I trust that our government representatives will turn an appropriately skeptical eye toward legislation written in large part by the very entities that fall under this statute, Oregon's investor-owned utilities.