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To: House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

**RE: House Bill 4058**

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee:

As representatives of Oregon's 35 consumer-owned utilities (COUs), we appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 4058 and the Dash 1 amendment which addresses specific COU concerns – to enable the use and greater access to energy efficient air conditioners and heat pumps.

Oregon's COUs currently offer a variety of energy efficiency programs to our consumers, including incentives for heat pumps. For several COUs, these programs include ductless heat pumps for qualifying low-income consumers at no cost.

We commend the sponsors and bill proponents for engaging with COUs to ensure HB 4058 will complement our existing Bonneville Power Administration authorized heat pump programs and provide additional access to our low-income consumers most at risk. We appreciate the partnership and share the twin goals of energy conservation and addressing public safety during extreme temperatures.

We look forward to working with the Committee and stakeholders on this issue. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our views on HB 4058 and the Dash 1 amendment.

Thank you,

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