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Measure: HB3152

I support HB 3152 to allow the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to ensure their rules and regulations and the programs they oversee mitigate the energy burden and risks of stranded assets. A growing number of home and business owners in Oregon are switching or planning to switch to all electric heating and cooling, cooking, and appliances. I am one of those concerned with greenhouse gas reduction who electrified my home and rental unit. The gas was cut off at the street so I no longer have to be concerned about carbon monoxide or methane in my home. Several of my friends have also electrified or are in the process of becoming all electric homes. As those of us who can easily afford to make this change do so, the gas companies will have fewer customers and will again try to increase rates. Sadly this burden will fall on those who have not converted to electricity either because they choose to ignore their carbon footprint or cannot afford to do so. I'd like to persuade the former to convert and I'm concerned about the later group who already have a significant heating burden.

HB 3152 will permit the PUC to carefully evaluate how to ease this predicted increase of gas prices on those who are already paying a higher percent of their income for home heating.

Please pass HB 3152 to help us make an equitable transition to clean energy.