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To: Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Jennifer Hill-Hart, Policy Manager, Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Re: Support for HB 3160 A and HB 3161

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) is a statewide nonprofit consumer advocacy organization developed by citizens' initiative in 1984. CUB represents the interests of Oregon households by advocating for utility regulations and policies that protect your wallet. CUB is pleased to support HB 3160 A and HB 3161.

The Oregon Public Utility Commission's (PUC)'s primary obligation is to protect customers of monopoly utilities. They take this responsibility seriously and ratepayers benefit from opportunities to streamline processes at the PUC. Both HB 3160 A and HB 3161 are "good government" bills. HB 3160 A cleans up areas of statute and will align current modern-day practices with law. HB 3161 will streamline reporting requirements, saving time and resources for all involved. This is particularly important as the electric utilities are introducing and will be implementing their first Clean Energy Plans this year, which is a big lift for all involved. Both HB 3160 A and HB 3161 will allow us to "work smarter, not harder". A win-win for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 3160 A and HB 3161. We appreciate your support for both.