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**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 26



## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Testimony in Support of SB 1581**

February 26, 2024

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Emerson Levy and Bobby Levy, and members of the Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

I am writing to express my full support for Senate Bill 1581. As a legislator deeply committed to a cleaner, healthier environment, I support enhancing transparency and accountability within our energy sector. As we collectively strive toward a cleaner, more sustainable future for Oregon, SB 1581 provides an important avenue for informed decision-making.

SB 1581 mandates that investor-owned utilities selling more than two million megawatt hours of electricity annually submit a report to the Legislative Assembly detailing their activities, plans, and preparations related to participating in a regional energy market. By doing so, utilities contribute to a transparent process that empowers legislators and stakeholders.

Transparency fosters engagement. By keeping legislators informed, SB 1581 ensures that the planning process remains inclusive and well-informed. As we navigate the complexities of transitioning to 100% clean energy by 2045, this legislation enables us to advocate more effectively for the interests of Oregonians.

Oregon's commitment to achieving a fully clean energy grid, free of fossil fuels, by 2045 is commendable and important. SB 1581 aligns with this vision by promoting collaboration across the Western United States. Through a comprehensive regional market, we can harness resilient and cost-effective energy solutions for all consumers.

By supporting this bill, we strengthen Oregon's position as a leader in sustainable energy practices. We must take action on this opportunity to create a more transparent, resilient, and forward-thinking energy landscape.

Thank you for your consideration. I urge your support and passage of SB 1581.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Courtney Neron". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Courtney Neron  
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