



February 3, 2025

Representative John Lively, Chair
House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association Support for HB 3170

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chair Gamba, Vice Chair Levy and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment:

Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association (OMEU) is made up of eleven municipally owned and operated electric utilities. Our rates are not-for-profit and set to cover the costs of service, not to earn a rate of return for investors.

OMEU supports HB 3170. Unfortunately, in recent years Oregon has suffered a number of wildfires and other natural disasters. During last year's ice storm several utilities had power outages lasting multiple days. While our crews were out clearing debris and restoring power, we saw a lot of unmet humanitarian needs that would have benefited from a Resilience Hub or Network. These tools will be increasingly important for communities who face long duration power outages.

Please support HB 3170 which makes an important investment that will help communities around the state better cope when climate disasters strike.

Sincerely,

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