

Subject: Support for SB 685 – Hydrogen Oversight and Public Notice Legislation

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Phyllis Klein and I live in Eugene, Oregon. Oregon's current regulatory framework lacks sufficient oversight and notice requirements for blending hydrogen into natural gas residential home pipelines. This regulatory gap poses significant risks for ratepayers, public safety, and environmental health. This is why I support SB 685 to provide hydrogen blending oversight and public notice.

Oregonians deserve to know what's being piped into their homes. Public utilities should not be experimenting with hydrogen blending without notifying impacted communities. Regulations are needed to ensure public safety and transparency.

Hydrogen blending is risky. Hydrogen can make pipelines brittle and subject to leaks and even explosions. SB 685 will create safety protocols for blending to protect our homes from these risks.

I strongly urge you to support SB 685.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Klein
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