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**Subject:** *CREA Testimony in support of HB-2985*

**To:** *House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment*

Honorable Chair Lively, Vice Chair Gamba, Vice Chair Bobby Levy, and members of the committee,

On behalf of CREA I am writing in **support** of **HB-2985**, which would modify provisions relating to the administrative proceedings of the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

When the PUC is receiving comments and arguments in relation to decisions being made, we feel that it is important to have certainty that the PUC show that they at least consider the comments and facts provided.

Regardless of the final decision, there should be a response, explanation and/or acknowledgment of pertinent facts brought forward. This is common practice and lawfully required for other agencies such as LUBA and local governments, especially in land use proceedings

As a County Commissioner, I have personally presided over land-use cases that were appealed to the State Land-Use Board of Appeals, and although the approval of the local government stood and was not overturned, the case was remanded to the County on specific points; that although did not affect the outcome of the decision, the local government was required by law to address the points of consideration brought forward by the appellants.

CREA hopes to continue working though issues such as these, but very much supports the amazing staff at the PUC. There is more work to be done beyond this bill, and we do believe that it is in within the PUC's ability to address these concerns voluntarily.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter, and we hope the legislature and PUC will support these concepts moving forward.

Regards,  
James Williams  
CREA Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Williams", is written over a light blue circular scribble.