



House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

February 25, 2025

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar + Storage Industries Association (OSSIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSSIA members include businesses, non-profits, and other solar and storage stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar and storage value chains; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar and storage projects on the local, state, and regional level.

OSSIA urges this committee to pass HB 3336 to bring grid enhancing technologies (GETs) to Oregon's grid. HB 3336 would require Oregon's investor-owned utilities to include GETs as part of their Clean Energy Plans. These plans are already required, this bill simply adds one additional section to ensure that utilities are taking advantage of all cost-effective solutions to increase grid capabilities.

Oregon, like many states, has an electric grid that is constrained by the available transmission capacity. In order to add more solar power to the grid, we need more room on the transmission system. Utilities can take cost-effective steps to upgrade their existing grid infrastructure called GETs. These technologies allow utilities to make better, more efficient use of the transmission they already have.

While some utilities are already pursuing GETs, we need them to be actively incorporating as many as possible, as quickly as possible. Since investor-owned utilities are designed to earn a rate of return on their assets, they are not incentivized to prioritize cheaper solutions over larger and more expensive ones. HB 3336 would require the utilities to utilize these cost-effective solutions which save money for ratepayers and allow more renewables on the grid.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Crowley-Koch". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Angela Crowley-Koch
Executive Director