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HB 3336: Good morning members of the Committee; I would like to urge you to pass HB 3336. With the need to move away from fossil fuels and pivot towards electricity as much as possible; our electrical grid is coming under increasing pressure. With the move to create more data centers that use large amounts of electricity electrical demand is growing even more quickly.

Grid Enhancement Technologies that allow our system to increase efficiency by replacing old aluminum/steel lines with carbon fiber are the most cost-effective and quickest way to enhance electrical capacity. Because there is less weight on the lines; capacity is greatly increased without the need to build out the grid with new costly transmission towers that usually take many years for approval. Another possible co-benefit is less sagging in lines could enhance safety of the transmission system during wildfires.

This bill requiring Oregon electric utilities to incorporate GETs into their future planning and incorporate it into their IRP's is an important step to making this smart, affordable enhancement to our electrical grid. Please vote yes on HB 3336. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.