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It is vital to develop the most efficient way to generate and transmit electrical power in Oregon. An Oregon Electric Transmission Authority would catalyze investment and public support for expanding this state's transmission capacity by financing, developing, constructing, upgrading, owning, and operating electric transmission infrastructure.

The authority would identify and establish electric transmission corridors with statewide significance and utilize low-cost revenue bonds to finance transmission projects that are recovered by collecting payments from the users of the authority's transmission facilities.

This bill establishes the Tribal Advisory Council on Electric Transmission to ensure equity and environmental concerns are addressed.

It requires the authority to submit an annual report to the Legislative Assembly related to the authority's activities and operations for the preceding year and limits the authority's annual operating budget to no more than \$2 million – funded through a charge from large industrial electricity customers.

Please support HB3628

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