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HB 3628 – Oregon Electric Transmission Authority

I am from Salem and I fully support formation of and Oregon Transmission Authority

We need a non-partisan, non-political board to assess how to upgrade as rapidly as possible the electricity transmission system at lowest cost. An Oregon Electric Transmission Authority would provide for investment and public input for needed expansion of electric transmission capacity in this state 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. Where corridors go thru current or ancestral lands there should be Native American input. To provide accountability the law 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. These are all good features worthy of passing this legislation.