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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3628

Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Bamba, Vice-Chair Levy and Committee members--

I am a resident of Portland Oregon, and am concerned about the electrical grid in Oregon, to ensure it can accommodate increased electrical usage with electrification and to carry the proposed and future renewal energy we need to address the climate crisis.

I support HB3628 and HB3336, before your committee February 25. HB3628 would establish an Oregon Electric Transmission Authority. While a regional transmission authority is optimal, this is a necessary temporary solution. This authority could streamline siting of new power facilities, expansion of transmission infrastructure, and issue revenue bonds.

HB3336 will require utilities to include Grid enhancing technologies in their planning, to allow existing transmission lines to function more efficiently, thus increasing capacity where feasible. These technologies are less expensive and can be installed in a shorter time period than new lines, and can be an alternative or adjunct to required new transmission lines.

Please support both of these bills, HB3336 and HB3628, to move out of committee and eventual passage this legislative session. Darlene Chirman