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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3628

Dear Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

Oregon lacks and needs a Regional Transmission Authority to regulate electrical transmission.

An Oregon Electric Transmission Authority would catalyze investment and public support for needed expansion of electric transmission capacity by planning, 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.

The Bill also 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. The authority's annual operating budget would be to no more than \$2 million – funded through a charge from large industrial electricity customers.

Please support HB 3628 – Oregon Electric Transmission Authority.

Thank You,

Gordon Molitor