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GETs offer a near-term, economical solution to increase the capacity of existing transmission infrastructure. By optimizing current assets, utilities can defer or reduce the need for expensive new transmission lines, leading to cost savings for both providers and consumers. Despite their proven effectiveness and widespread adoption in Europe, GETs have not been widely embraced in the United States. One contributing factor is the traditional utility business model, which often favors capital-intensive projects due to the return on investment they provide. By mandating the inclusion of GETs in IRPs, HB 3336 encourages utilities to prioritize these efficient technologies, aligning operational practices with modern grid optimization strategies. The passage of HB 3336 would position Oregon as a leader in grid modernization, promoting a more efficient, reliable, and cost-effective energy system.