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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3628

Dear Chair Lively and Committee -

Electricity consumption is going up as we add more EVs to the road, install heat pumps, and transition away from fossil fuels to be in line with the Clean Energy laws that the legislature has already passed.

We need a way to assess how to upgrade the electricity transmission system at low cost. An Oregon Electric Transmission Authority would catalyze investment and public support for needed expansion of electric transmission capacity in this state by financing, developing, constructing, upgrading, owning and operating electric transmission infrastructure.

It's critical that there be a Tribal Advisory Council on Electric Transmission to ensure equity and environmental concerns are addressed.

Large industrial electricity customers can easily pay for this work since they are one of the main consumers of the grid's capability.

Please support this bill to move out of committee and to the House Floor.
Thank you for your work.