

Testimony on HB 3336 (GET)

Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

My name is John Christensen, and I'm a member of the MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together) work group on forestry.

I support HB 3336, because Grid Enhancement Technologies can offer a pathway to increasing Oregon's electrical transmission capacity at a time when increased loads on the system are expected in the near term. The high energy demand of data centers and the cloud computing needs of artificial intelligence systems will require much higher capacity. GETs are a cost-effective way of increasing capacity and reducing the need for expensive investments in new lines. Requiring electrical utilities to submit Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs) that include the adoption of GETs would help move Oregon forward in meeting its energy needs while connecting the grid to more renewable and non-emitting energy sources.