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On Behalf Of: Myself as an electric customer
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3336

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy and Members of the Committee.

I support HB 3336 requesting electrical utilities include their plans for Grid Enhancing Technologies (GETs) in their required reporting to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC). I am a Pacific Power customer and live in an all electric home. I have contributed to the increase in electrical demand and subscribe to Pacific Power's Blue Sky program so the energy I use is clean energy. I understand from my own research that our electrical grid is becoming stressed from age and demand. I read about the need to build a new better grid which will take time and cost billions. Finally in my research I found articles talking about GETs which seem to me to be a reasonable interim option that can improve efficiency of the existing grid as we upgrade the system. I think of it in terms of purchasing a small battery for emergency back up as I save to have a fully integrated and timed battery backup for my home.

I found this article from the US Department of Energy especially helpful to understand GETs and the benefit to consumers. <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2022-04/Grid%20Enhancing%20Technologies%20-%20A%20Case%20Study%20on%20Ratepayer%20Impact%20-%20February%202022%20CLEAN%20as%20of%20032322.pdf>

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