

Dear Chairman Lively and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support HB 3336 and HB 3628.

To achieve Oregon's 100% clean electricity goal, support our expanding economy, and enhance grid resilience, Oregon must address the current transmission bottleneck. We need solutions that protect ratepayers while ensuring the electricity system remains reliable and resilient. We need transmission solutions that protect ratepayers and keep Oregon's electricity system resilient and reliable.

I urge your support on the following policies:

- **Grid Enhancing Technologies (HB 3336):** This bill increases transmission capacity by requiring utilities to deploy cost-effective technologies on existing infrastructure.
- **Oregon Transmission Authority (HB 3628):** This bill addresses permitting and investment gaps in transmission development by creating a Transmission Authority to support innovative financing and coordinated planning.

These policies will modernize Oregon's transmission system, meet growing energy demands, improve resilience to severe weather, and ensure new renewable energy sources benefit ratepayers. Together, they will meet our energy needs without compromising affordability.

I respectfully ask for your support of HB 3336 and HB 3628.

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