



# The Climate Reality Project<sup>®</sup>

## PORTLAND CHAPTER

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair B. Levy, and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

I am writing on behalf of the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter in support of HB 3336 which would require electric utilities to develop a strategic plan for using grid enhancing technologies (GETs), a key step toward a Just Transition to Clean Energy.

Electricity demand in Oregon is projected to increase substantially over the next decade, requiring significant improvements in the state's transmission grid. Adding new lines to support the demand is expensive and involves siting and permitting challenges. GETs include hardware and software innovations that enable the existing transmission system to work more efficiently. They are an excellent, cost-effective way of increasing transmission capacity quickly. Promoting the use of GETs is one of the key recommendations in the [Oregon Clean Technology Task Force Report](#).

We need rapid improvements to our current electric transmission system to support reliable, affordable, clean power and to meet the increased demand from the state's data centers, industry, and transition to clean energy. GETs offer a common sense, cost-effective way to do this. Please support HB 3336.

Thank you,

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Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

### About The Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter

The Climate Reality Project (CRP) Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led chapter of The Climate Reality Project, an international nonprofit of 5 million members led by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze global solutions to the climate crisis. Our legislative committee bases its advocacy on CRP's 5 pillars: a just transition to clean energy, zero carbon transportation, climate justice and public health, green communities, and a fair, representative democracy. [climaterealitypdx.com/](http://climaterealitypdx.com/), [www.climaterealityproject.org](http://www.climaterealityproject.org)