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On Behalf Of:

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Until a much needed Regional Transmission Authority (RTO) is established in the Pacific Northwest, the best temporary option would be the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority. This Authority, as defined in HB 3628, would identify and establish the most impactful electric transmission corridors statewide and assess how to upgrade electricity transmission at low cost.

It would also establish a Tribal Advisory on Electric Transmission to ensure that equity and environmental concerns are addressed.

The Authority would also be required to submit annual reports about its activities and operations to the Legislative Assembly.

It's vital that we strengthen our electric grid to withstand the impacts of extreme weather events and to take advantage of the increasing sources of renewable energy. Please do all you can to pass HB 3628.

Thank you,
Meg Bowman