



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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 3628. This bill would establish the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority (OETA) as an independent public corporation.

Google is proud to call Oregon home. In addition to a growing Portland office, Google operates data centers in The Dalles. The construction and continued operation of these centers have brought valuable investments to Oregon. **Along with these investments, Google has made a commitment to, by 2030, be powered with 24/7 carbon-free energy.** To realize this future requires transmission capacity.

Creating a coordinated entity that will enable electricity generation projects to be connected to the grid, while being able to finance such infrastructure, will ensure Oregonians access new renewable energy resources, while keeping costs for all consumers down. This is exactly what the Oregon Electric Transmission Authority will do.

Oregon's energy future will continue to be dependent on access to renewable power and efficient transmission. Creating an independent Transmission Authority will enable this state to meet the energy needs of Oregonians in the future.

Google urges your support of HB 3628.

Sincerely,

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