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Re: Support HB 3336

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

HB 3336 helps create efficiency and resilience in Oregon's electricity transmission grid through grid enhancing technologies (GETs). This is a sensible bill that deserves your support.

350PDX is a nonprofit organization with a focus on climate and environment, with thousands of members in the Portland area. We have advocated for transitioning away from fossil fuels for energy generation, which requires the availability of significant amounts of electricity. It makes sense to increase the efficiency, capacity, and reliability of existing transmission lines while also ensuring modifications that reduce the risk of wildfires.

Our transmission systems and electric grid need to be as efficient as possible if we wish to truly realize our state's 100% clean electricity goals. It is much better for our region's climate and ecosystems to use existing transmission lines to their fullest potential rather than building new lines; GETs help us reduce the economic cost and the toll on natural areas that would otherwise occur.

HB 3336 guides electric companies to create strategic plans, forcing them to think about the future, follow the state mandate, adapt, and be transparent about their plans. This transparency ensures that energy affordability remains central.

As we move forward into a more sustainable future, it is necessary for utility companies and the State of Oregon to invest in transmission capacity while also keeping things affordable. Utilizing GETs through this bill will help us all move into a greener future together while also protecting taxpayers.

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