



February 25, 2025

House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 3179 and -1 amendment

Dear Chair Sosa, Vice-Chairs Chaichi and Osborne, and Members of the Committee,

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis.

**We support HB 3179 and the -1 amendment as a reasonable step to address rising utility bills.**

Today, Oregonians are struggling to afford the rising cost of energy. These rising utility costs make our communities less resilient in the face of the worsening climate driven extreme weather and disasters.

HB 3179 and -1 amendment gives the PUC more tools to balance their obligations in the rate making process. This bill allows the PUC to consider customer impacts in setting rates, soften the impact of rate increases by moving increases out of winter months, and limit the frequency of rate increases. The bill balances the need for continued investment in clean energy and utility infrastructure with customer affordability by expanding opportunities for low-interest financing.

Oregon must continue to make progress on our clean energy transition, while protecting utility customers from rising costs. HB 3179 -1 along with the other critical energy affordability measures under consideration this season ([HB 3081](#), [SB 88](#), [HB 3543](#)) strike a balance between protecting customers from rising costs, continuing to advance Oregon's clean energy goals, and helping Oregonians access critical incentives for energy efficiency and resilience.

Sincerely,

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