

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
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I have been observing how the proliferation of data centers and other bit tech is causing the demand for energy to grow rapidly in Oregon. This mass influx of very large energy users is putting a strain on our energy system and driving up costs for everyone. Since 2021, PGE and Pacific Powers households' bills have increased by nearly 50%.

HB 3546 directs the Public Utility Commission to create a new customer class of service for large energy use facilities, such as data centers and cryptocurrency shops. This change will help prevent families and small businesses from paying for the costs of these massive energy users. It will also make for-profit utilities identify the costs that these large energy users are adding to the system so that they pay their share.

Oregon families and small businesses are already struggling. We should not be subsidizing the energy costs of data centers.