

Submitter: Gary Ploski

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB88

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Gary Ploski, and I live in Portland, OR. I am writing because I have watched my costs increase significantly over the past couple of years. I support SB 88 to ensure that advertising, legal, and lobbyist fees are paid from company profits, not ratepayer funds.

I support SB 88 because:

- I have watched my electric bill increase by double-digit percentages since 2023. Tracking my monthly averages, I have seen a 3.71% increase in 2022, a 19.56% increase in 2023, a 10.68% increase in 2024, and a projected 21.57% increase in 2025.

- As someone who was unemployed from November 2022 to November 2024, this had a negative effect on me emotionally and financially. Organizations should not take advantage of anyone for an essential need.

I urge you to support SB 88 because for-profit utilities need to tighten their belts like the rest of us. Expenses such as expensive lawyers, lobbyists, advertising, and industry association fees should be paid from company profits, not our pockets. These expenses add up to millions of dollars in unnecessary costs on utility bills every year.

For example, Portland General Electric (PGE) made \$313 million in profits in 2024, a record high for the company, and they have raised rates two years in a row. It is unacceptable for utility companies to charge their customers for expenses like marketing, lobbying, and legal fees.

Enough is enough with those who keep taking more and more.

Please support Oregonians and support SB 88.

Sincerely,  
Gary Ploski  
Portland, OR