

Submitter: Paul Schlegelmann

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 Paul Schlegelmann, and I live in Corvallis. I am writing to support SB 88. This bill will help to ensure that advertising, legal and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not out of our, the rate payers, pockets.

I support SB 88 because:

I believe that it is total unfair for a for-profit, corporate utility to charge customers, like me, for their lobbyists, lawyers, advertising, and membership fees to big industry associations.

As it is, utility rates in the state have jumped by more than 50% in the past 4-5 years. That has put a real pinch on many of us in the state including retirees, like me, living on fixed incomes. We cannot afford any further utility rate hikes, let alone paying for bogus fees that the utilities incur that they want to pass on to us. Those costs should instead come out of their profits.

Thank you in advance for your support of SB 88.

Sincerely,  
Paul Schlegelmann  
Corvallis, OR