

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

My name is Julie Warner, and I live in Portland, OR and I am writing because I feel passionately about the impact this bill can have. I support SB 88 to make sure that advertising, legal, and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not ratepayer pockets.

I support SB 88 because:

1. Living in a rented house that has single pane windows with increased energy bills has had a seriously negative impact on the well-being and comfort of my family. This is not a unique situation and is true for many families in the SE Portland area.
2. It is unfair for a for-profit, corporate utility to charge customers for their lobbyists, lawyers, advertising, and membership fees. These are things that customers should not be paying for, but should be paid through key stakeholders.
3. It makes sense to pay for the heat or power we use and for utilities to invest in clean energy. But we should not be paying for things that promote the for-profit, corporate utility's interests, like suing Oregon to overturn our climate protection laws or marketing to improve the brand name of a monopoly utility. Portland General Electric (PGE) made \$313 million in profits in 2024, a record high for the company, and they've raised rates two years in a row. It is unacceptable for utility companies to charge their customers for things like marketing, lobbying, and legal expenses.

I urge you to support SB 88 because of these reasons.

Sincerely,
Julie Warner
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