

Submitter: Kathryn Young

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 Kathryn Young, and I live in Ashland, OR. I am writing because as a college student at Southern Oregon University, myself and other students like me are constantly worried about rising housing costs, which is directly impacted by increasing energy costs. Because of this, I support SB 88 to make sure that advertising, legal, and lobbyist fees come out of company profits, not ratepayers pockets.

I support SB 88 because for-profit utility companies rate increases have raised customer's prices by 50% over the past four years. With unprecedented energy costs for customers, also come unprecedented profits for utilities companies. Portland General Electric (PGE) made a record high profit of \$313 million in 2024, and have raised their rates for two years in a row. These profits go directly into extra advertising, legal fees, and lobbying for bills that will make energy usage less safe and less efficient for the people of Oregon.

I urge you to support SB 88 to keep utility bills low for all the young people you represent, which will help us combat our rising costs of living.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Young
Ashland, OR