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SB 88 is necessary because of the behavior that we've seen from utilities in Oregon in recent years to fight state and local actions on climate change. Utilities are given their monopolies in order to serve the public interest, and so they shouldn't be allowed to use ratepayer funds to fight policies that are in the public interest. Frankly, since utilities are given a special benefit by the government that allows them an exceptional opportunity for risk-free profit, it is unethical for them to lobby either government or public interest for any reason, and certainly shouldn't be doing so with ratepayer funds.