

To: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR

Date: March 6, 2025

Sub: Testimony in support of HB 3546

Chair Lively, and Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the Coalition Director of the Oregon Conservation Network. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of 42 not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 3546.

The Protecting Oregonians With Energy Responsibility (POWER) Act (HB 3546) will ensure that data centers and other large energy users contribute fairly to grid infrastructure and energy costs. Oregon families and small businesses are already struggling. They should not be footing the bill for giant corporations.

On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters in Oregon I would like to share that we strongly support the HB 3546.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted On behalf of OCN Member Organizations:

1000 Friends of Oregon | Association of Oregon Recyclers | Beyond Toxics | Bird Alliance of Oregon | Cascadia Wildlands | Center for Biological Diversity | Center for Food Safety | Central Oregon Landwatch | Climate Solutions | Defenders of Wildlife | Deschutes River Alliance | Engineers for a Sustainable Future | The Environmental Center | Environment Oregon | Food & Water Watch | Friends of Mt. Hood | Friends of the Columbia Gorge | Friends of Family Farmers | Greater Hells Canyon Council | League of Women Voters of Oregon | Native Fish Society | Neighbors for Clean Air | Oceana | Oregon Coast Alliance | Oregon Environmental Council | Oregon League of Conservation Voters | Oregon Land and Water Alliance | Oregon Natural Desert Association | Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility | Oregon Shores Conservation Coalition | Oregon Wild | Renewable Northwest | Rogue Riverkeeper | Sierra Club, Oregon Chapter | The Street Trust | Surfrider Foundation | Trout Unlimited, Oregon Council | Tualatin Riverkeepers | WaterWatch of Oregon | Wetlands Conservancy | Wild Salmon Center | Willamette Riverkeeper