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To: Chair Lively, Vice Chair Gamba, Vice Chair Levy, Members of the Committee

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BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) is an alliance that works with labor and environmental organizations aimed to address our environmental challenges while creating good quality jobs. BGA is guided by the principle that we can no longer choose between good jobs and a clean and safe environment—that the actions we take to create quality jobs and to protect working people and the environment must go together as we will build a clean, thriving, and fair economy.

BlueGreen Alliance is in support of HB 3546 as this bill protects Oregonians energy bills, ensure large energy users pay their fair share, and ensure a stronger energy grid for everyone.

As we tackle the dual challenge of meeting our future clean energy needs to meet our climate goals, while tackling the energy growth from large energy users from entities like data centers—which according to <u>US DOE report</u> in 2023 accounted for 4.4% of energy use, and is expected to grow to 6.7 to 12% by 2028—Oregon should ensure high energy users are paying its fair share to protect ratepayers, invest in energy infrastructure, and protect jobs in adjacent and related industries.

Respectfully,

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