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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

I would like to express my strong support for passing HB 3546, which would direct the Oregon PUC to create a new class of utility customer for industrial facilities that are very intense users of electricity.

The proliferation and expansion of data centers threatens Oregonian households and smaller businesses with unreasonably high electricity bills that are really the responsibility of mega-users of the power system. We are already paying 50% higher bills than we did just 4 years ago. The increased needs and costs for electricity use of data centers (and even individual crypto mining operations) should be borne by those users.