

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in strong support of HB 3681. This will help remedy the complex and sometimes duplicative Oregon state requirements for permitting new transmission lines. It makes critical changes to administrative regulations that will speed permitting while still making sure there is proper oversight of environmental and other impacts.

There are a number of reasons I support HB 3681.

- HB 3681 rounds out the essential policies and tools from this session's special transmission package including HB 3336 – Grid Enhancing Technologies and HB 3628 – Oregon Electric Transmission Authority. All 3 bills are essential to keep Oregonians safe from power crises in the years to come.
- We really need these changes to improve and speed transmission infrastructure. With them, consumer and business needs for energy delivery will not be fulfilled. We need to get this done NOW!!
- HB 3681 is an important step forward to improve energy reliability for all Oregonians, both near term and longer term.
- HB 3681 speeds and simplifies outdated rules that delay and prevent new energy transmission creation in Oregon. Demand for energy is increasing EXPONENTIALLY because of development and AI technology. This is hugely loading existing energy systems. These systems will fail without rapid improvement.

Please support HB 3681 for all Oregonians. We've got to get this done or we are not going to be able to get the energy delivery we need, and the system will break. We need HB 3681.

Best Regards,
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