



March 11, 2025

Senator Janeen Sollman, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy & Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association Supports -3 Amendment to SB 688

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and Members of the Senate Committee Energy & Environment:

Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association (OMEU) is made up of eleven municipally owned and operated electric utilities. Our rates are not-for-profit and set to cover the costs of service, not to earn a rate of return for investors. For municipal electric utilities, and other consumer-owned utilities, our rates are determined locally by our governing boards.

OMEU would like to thank Senator Pham for working with us on the -3 amendment to make clear that the bill only applies to “electric companies” as defined in ORS 757.600 (11). This definition more clearly excludes consumer-owned utilities. This aligns with the intent of the bill since the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) does not have ratemaking authority over consumer-owned utilities.

Thank you.

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