



CLEAN WATER. HEALTHY RIVERS.

March 19, 2025

To: Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and members of the committee:

For the record, my name is Kelly Campbell and I am the Policy Director at Columbia Riverkeeper. Columbia Riverkeeper is a non-profit organization with a mission to restore and protect the water quality of the Columbia River and all life connected to it, from the headwaters to the Pacific Ocean. Columbia Riverkeeper has over 25,000 supporters and members in Oregon. We unite people for clean water, climate action, and healthy communities.

Columbia Riverkeeper is excited to support SB 688-2 which would add the new tool of Performance Based Regulation (PBR) to the Oregon Public Utility Commission's (PUC) toolbox. PBR has proven to be effective at aligning financial incentives to today's needs and goals in 17 other states. It is time that we modernize Oregon PUC's regulatory framework with the adoption of SB 688-2.

We appreciate that instituting PBR will align incentives for investor-owned utilities with the policy goals we have set in Oregon, including energy efficiency, clean electricity standards, affordability, and reliability during disasters.

It is time that we adopt PBR to modernize our regulatory approach for the challenges we face today, not those of nearly a century ago.

We urge you to pass SB 688-2.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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