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Subject: Support for House Bill 3666 - Enhancing Utility Wildfire Safety Practices

Dear Chair, and members of committee,

On behalf of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, representing over 455 businesses in Coos Bay, North Bend, and Charleston, Oregon, we express our strong support for House Bill 3666, which mandates electric public utilities to obtain a wildfire safety certification. <u>Log in or sign up to view+9Oregon State Chamber of Commerce+9OLIS+9</u>

The increasing frequency and severity of wildfires in Oregon pose significant threats to our communities, environment, and local economies. HB 3666 addresses these challenges by requiring electric public utilities to apply for a wildfire safety certification, ensuring they have and implement approved wildfire protection or mitigation plans.

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By implementing these measures, HB 3666 aims to reduce the risk of utility-related wildfires, thereby protecting lives, property, and natural resources. This legislation aligns with our commitment to fostering a safe and thriving business environment in Oregon's Bay Area. <u>OLIS+2OLIS+2OLIS+2</u>

We urge the legislature to pass HB 3666 to enhance utility wildfire safety practices across the state. OLIS+10LIS+1

Sincerely,

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