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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Addiction and Community Safety  
Response

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3197

While HB 3179 aims to protect residential ratepayers from significant rate increases, It doesn't consider industrial and commercial ratepayers have also seen significant increases in energy costs during the timeframe residential rates have increased. Indeed, since 2020, industrial customers served by PacifiCorp have seen higher rate increases than residential customers, and the increases for PGE industrial customers are comparable to those experienced by residential customers. It appears the amendments do not provide protections for other rate classes for cost shifts that would naturally occur as a result of this legislation, further increasing costs for businesses of all sizes in the state. This bill poses a significant risk for shifting unrecovered costs from residential customers to all other customer classes. HB 3179 as drafted does not provide safeguards to ensure that commercial and industrial ratepayers aren't forced to pay additional costs associated with the relief provided to residential ratepayers. Even if the Legislature were only concerned with residential ratepayers, the impacts of these additional costs on businesses will have a material economic impact in the state, which will ultimately harm residential customers as consumers and employees. I oppose this bill as it is written and suggest you consider its impact on all parties involved.