

To: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment 900 Court Street NE Salem, OR

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Sub: Testimony in support of HB 3546

Chair Sollman, vice-chair Brock Smith and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Eliza Walton. I am the Coalition Director of the Oregon Conservation Network. The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) is coordinated through the Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV). It is a network of not-for-profit organizations throughout Oregon, united to advocate for pro-conservation legislation and to fight policies that threaten our state's natural legacy. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 3546.

The Protecting Oregonians With Energy Responsibility (POWER) Act (HB 3546) will ensure that data centers and other large energy users contribute fairly to grid infrastructure and energy costs and is a priority bill for the Oregon Conservation Network (link to th full list of OCN priorities) Oregon families and small businesses are already struggling. They should not be footing the bill for giant corporations.

On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters in Oregon I would like to share that we strongly support the HB 3546.

Thank you for your consideration.

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