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I wholeheartedly support The POWER Act (HB 3546) and its goal of holding large energy users accountable for paying for their own energy needs.

Oregon households have seen big increases in energy bills. Since 2021, PGE and Pacific Powers households' bills have increased by nearly 50%. By just October 2024, these utilities together disconnected nearly 53,000 households—the most since reporting started in 2018.

As a ratepayer and voter, I am asking that for-profit utilities identify the tremendous costs large energy users - data centers, cryptocurrency, and other big tech - pay their fair share. This special customer category gives regulators the means by which they can protect Oregonians from covering the cost of these businesses.

Ordinary Oregonians shouldn't bear the burden of high-demand energy users! Let's level the playing field.

Please vote YES on the POWER bill. Thank you.