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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3681

I am writing to strongly urge you to support HB 3681 A.

Here are three recent articles from the Oregonian. The headlines speak for themselves.

"Electricity demand could double in Pacific NW over next 2 decades"

<https://www.oregonlive.com/environment/2025/04/electricity-demand-could-double-in-pacific-nw-over-next-2-decades.html>.

And

"State fire marshal urges Oregonians to prepare their homes for another bad fire season". <https://www.oregonlive.com/environment/2025/05/state-fire-marshal-urges-oregonians-to-prepare-their-homes-for-another-bad-fire-season.html>

And

"Soaring data center electricity demand could trigger Northwest blackouts, industry insiders say". <https://www.oregonlive.com/silicon-forest/2024/12/soaring-data-center-electricity-demand-could-trigger-northwest-blackouts-industry-insiders-say.html>

Climate change is here. We need to transition quickly from fossil fuels to renewable energy. In addition, energy demand is going to increase drastically.

The transmission project permitting timelines must match the urgency of the climate crisis.