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House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

RE: SB 685A

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Erin Childs and I serve as the Executive Director of the Renewable Hydrogen Alliance (RHA). RHA is a regional non-profit trade association enabling access to safe, affordable, and renewable hydrogen for communities across the Pacific Northwest. Our 80+ members represent the full value chain of the hydrogen ecosystem – hydrogen technology and service providers, equipment manufacturers, project developers, public transit agencies, labor unions, utilities, and many others with an interest in the clean and renewable hydrogen sector. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 685A on behalf of RHA and its members.

We appreciate the opportunity to contribute to amendments that were adopted in the Senate Chamber addressing timing and standards. With their adoption, RHA is pleased to support SB 685A, which will establish reasonable protections that allow the hydrogen market to develop while respecting community transparency.

SB 685A acknowledges customer and community preferences on information availability, transparency, and engagement on new technology adoption. It also focuses on implementable policies that create clear expectations for our growing local hydrogen industry by establishing utility customer information standards and a transparency framework. As utilities move to implement the state's climate and clean energy objectives using maturing technologies like hydrogen, it is essential to establish clear and reasonable expectations for utility customer engagement.

Thank you,

Erin Childs
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