



To: Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network (COIN)
Re: Testimony in support of HB 3336
Date: May 13, 2025

Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock-Smith and members of the Committee

I write on behalf of the Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network to express strong support for HB 3336. We are a coalition of over 50 local Indivisible groups, across all regions of Oregon, that amplify efforts to advance federal and state legislation and engage with elected officials to promote progressive causes that benefit all Oregonians.

We strongly support HB 3336... This bill requires Oregon’s investor-owned utilities (IOUs) to evaluate the costs of using “grid enhancement technologies” (GETs) as alternatives to traditional approaches for expanding power grid capacity - developing new transmission lines. It requires the IOUs to file with the Oregon PUC a plan to use GETs when they are the more cost-effective and efficient option. It does not mandate that the utilities adopt GETs; it simply requires that they do a full evaluation and use them when it turns out they are the best and cheapest option. Certainly new transmission lines will be required as well, but it takes many years to get new transmission lines built. In contrast, GETs can often help increase the capacity, resiliency, and safety of the existing grid in a faster and cheaper way.

HB 3336 has garnered considerable support from a variety of parties, including Oregon Solar & Storage Industries Association, OLCV, Columbia Riverkeeper, NW Energy Coalition, Oregon Environmental Council, Oregon Business for Climate and Amazon Web Services. The major utility companies PacifiCorp and PGE do not officially oppose it. Of over 76 testimonies submitted for the House and Senate Public Hearings, at least 74 supported HB 3336. This represents overwhelming public support.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important legislation.

Respectfully,

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