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To: Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock-Smith, Members of the Committee

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BlueGreen Alliance (BGA) is an alliance that works with labor and environmental organizations aimed to address our environmental challenges while creating good quality jobs. BGA is guided by the principle that we can no longer choose between good jobs and a clean and safe environment—that the actions we take to create quality jobs and to protect working people and the environment must go together as we will build a clean, thriving, and fair economy.

Oregon needs greater electric transmission capacity^{1,2}. Upgrading the existing transmission system using grid-enhancing technologies (or GETs) is one method of creating more capacity. HB 3336 requires public disclosure of existing GETs use and planned GETs use by power companies. It requires power companies to publish a strategy for maximizing the use of GETs. Overall, it establishes processes to increase engagement on GETs use and planning among power companies, regulators and the public.

Our partners are excited about the potential to expand GETs use. Our labor partners will be able to use their technical expertise, and long history of reconducting work in Oregon to replace old conductors with conductors that have much greater capacity. Other GETs, such as line monitoring sensors, can help power companies monitor their systems, alerting operators to potential issues on the grid before they turn into problems.

Overall, deployed correctly, grid-enhancing technologies have the potential to quickly, and cost effectively improve the transmission system in Oregon. BlueGreen Alliance Oregon encourages you all to support HB 3336.

Respectfully,

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¹ <https://www.opb.org/article/2025/05/13/rolling-blackouts-oregon-washington-power-grid/>

² <https://www.opb.org/article/2025/05/12/oregon-washington-green-energy-bonneville/>