

May 12, 2025

TO: Oregon House Committee on Judiciary

RE: SB 926A



Chair Kropf, Members of the Committee;

IBEW Local 125 represents over 4,500 men and women who work in the industry. Our Members work in the construction and maintenance of Oregon's critical energy infrastructure, and work closely with out utility partners to ensure our communities have access to safe, reliable energy. We are writing with our concerns over the impacts SB 926A could have on our utilities, and the grid in Oregon.

While we fully understand the devastating impacts that wildfires have had on Oregonians and our communities, we want to be sure that we still have the ability to serve customers across the state. Senate Bill 926A has the potential to harm utilities' ability to adequately finance and construct new transmission, and to limit resources for needed maintenance. It is our belief that this will not serve our customers, and poses risks to reliability, affordability, and safety.

Furthermore, our members rely on these utilities for our livelihoods. The family wage and benefit jobs that IBEW 125 members do are reliant on successful utilities, as well as the quality and safety of the work we do. We strive to excel in our field, and we are able to do so through these partnerships.

We urge you to reconsider the approach to this issue, and as written oppose Senate Bill 926A.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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