



February 11, 2026

Senate President Rob Wagner
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Opposition to SB 1553

Dear Senate President Rob Wagner:

We are reaching out to you today to urge you to oppose SB 1553.

By way of introduction, NIPPC is a trade association that represents competitive power companies in the Pacific Northwest. The member companies of NIPPC build power plants, operate them, and sell power to utilities and to large energy consumers. They also develop new transmission. They are developing the vast majority of the new clean energy projects in the Northwest. NIPPC has been engaged in Oregon's energy policy discussions over the last two decades.

NIPPC opposes SB 1553 as currently drafted because it would exacerbate the risk wildfire liability poses to utilities rather than take proactive steps to mitigate wildfire risk in Oregon. NIPPC believes this is the wrong approach. Unlimited risk will hamper our competitive energy markets, which thrive on certainty and security to attract private investment and may ultimately lead to significantly higher energy prices for the very customers SB 1553 aims to protect.

Please stop the advancement of SB 1553 and prevent the members of the legislature from voting on a bill that further strains residential electric customers.

Sincerely,

Sidney Villanueva

Cc: Senator Kayse Jama
Emily Mooney
Stephen Watson