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Oregon State Legislative Committee on Climate, Energy & Environment

Re: Joint Consumer-Owned Utility Comments on HB 4032

Oregon's COUs support HB 4032 to the extent that it advances the shared interest in ensuring adequate fuel storage to support emergency response. Our utilities rely on traditional fuels to clear and reconnect lines after storms, restore power after outages, and respond to wildfires and other natural disasters. Whether urban or rural, reliable access to fuel is not theoretical for us, it is essential to keeping the lights on and essential to keep businesses operating and supporting health and public safety.

However, we oppose the use of customer and rate payer dollars through the Energy Supplier Assessment (ESA) for this study or exercise. While we agree that examining fuel storage is important, it should be funded through the General Fund or grant dollars, not placed on the backs of utility customers who are already facing rising costs.

We appreciate your consideration of this issue.

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