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It's been over 5 1/2 yrs since Pacific Power destroyed the lives so many lives in Oregon. I wouldn't wish what I saw, experienced or dealt with on anyone. I can't believe we are still fighting to get help from the state on this matter. Our state always finds ways to help the unions, the homeless/unhoused, paying for legal defense bills for non residents, even \$60 million plus to renovate the Moda Center, but every piece of legislation we have tried to help wildfire victims and testified on , they get shoved to so many dead ends or referred to some other committee where it goes to die a slow death and never really gets heard.

We need help, we need to hold these companies responsible for what they have done. We are your everyday little old tax payers who do not donate massive amounts of funds to PAC money and re-election funds. Many of you in this committee have received money and campaign donations from these same utility companies. What's even worse, our state is suing Pacific Power right this minute and they are in final stages of reimbursing the state for the wildfire costs. Why should the state be paid before all of the tax payers whose lives were ruined. By doing this, the state gets paid while not lifting a finger to protect your people who you were elected to represent. Enough is enough and it's now your turn to pass this to help those of us who have been suffering for over 5 plus years.