

February 12, 2026

Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Idaho Power Supports Pine Eagle School District Capital Funding Request

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Idaho Power strongly supports the Pine Eagle School District's \$876,000 Capital Funding Request to construct two duplexes for staff housing in Halfway, Oregon.

As the electric service provider and an employer in Halfway and many other rural communities in Oregon and Idaho, we understand firsthand the unique challenges facing these communities. Access to affordable, quality housing is a critical factor in recruiting and retaining essential workforce members, including teachers and school staff. Ensuring stable staffing at Pine Eagle School District directly supports the long-term vitality of the community we are proud to serve.

We are particularly encouraged that the project is shovel-ready and that all necessary infrastructure, including electrical service, is already complete. The collaboration between the district's Building Trades program and local contractors further strengthens the proposal by creating hands-on educational opportunities and workforce development pathways for students.

Investment in this housing initiative is an investment in rural education, workforce stability, and long-term community sustainability. We respectfully urge your support of the Pine Eagle School District's Capital Funding Request.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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