



Portland General Electric

March 27, 2013

Senator Chip Shields
Chair, General Government, Consumer and Small Business Protection Committee
Oregon State Capitol Building
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for Senate Bill 814

Dear Sen. Shields, Members of the Committee:

Portland General Electric is the state's largest electric utility, serving approximately 825,000 customers in the northern Willamette valley. Thank you for the opportunity to provide support for SB 814.

PGE has a long history as an Oregon company. PGE is also committed to environmental stewardship and has experience with environmental cleanups. SB 814 will help promote environmental cleanups by providing more certainty around environmental insurance claims. This will benefit not only the cleanup of the Portland Harbor, but also other cleanups that are not designated as a superfund site.

SB 814 is good for businesses and good for the environment. By establishing a reasonable timeline for handling of claims, promoting settlements by barring contribution claims by other insurers against the settling insurer, when settlement is entered into in good faith and ensuring insurers provide counsel with expertise in these issues, SB 814 helps ensure resolution to environmental cleanups.

Thank you,
Marion Haynes
State Government Affairs