

BEFORE THE HOUSE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

House Bill 2203

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Chair Bailey, members of the Committee, my name is Lori Koho and I am the Administrator of the Safety, Reliability and Security Division at the Oregon Public Utility Commission. I am here today to testify on HB 2203 including the Revision 3 amendments. Section 3 of the bill will require operators of electric lines to update the PUC with current operational and emergency contact information. This allows the PUC to keep complete and up-to-date information about the operators of electric lines which can be accessed by our safety and compliance staff. Accurate contact information is vital in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. This information is also helpful for staff when working across the state, verifying compliance with the National Electric Safety Code.

This bill language was developed in a workgroup sponsored by Representative Smith. Once signed into law, our agency will develop a process to ensure this information is shared in a timely and confidential manner with the appropriate electric utility.