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Representative Jules Bailey, Chair
 House Committee on Energy and Environment
 State Capitol
 Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: House Bill 2704 relating to Siting of Electrical Transmission Lines

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The Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association represents nearly one thousand professional and citizen planners in Oregon. The organization supports state policies and legislation that fosters good community planning.

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OAPA has adopted guiding principles for legislation, including legislation related to the siting and development of energy facilities. HB 2704 is consistent with the general guiding principles as well the principles adopted that aim to balance the impacts of energy development with objectives to protect farm and forest lands.

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HB 2704 provides incentives to site ‘associated transmission lines’ on non-productive farm land, and to co-locate with existing transmission lines or within existing rights-of-way. Where it is not possible to meet one of those objectives, HB 2704 delineates clear and objective standards for permitting a transmission line that allows a local government to evaluate alternatives and mitigate impacts to farm land.

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We understand Representative Smith assembled a work group to represent the diverse and important interests of all the stakeholders. We urge you to support the bill.

STUDENT

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Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this testimony.

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Sincerely,

Jeannine Rustad,
 Chair, Legislative and Policy Affairs Committee

Cc: OAPA Board