



The Honorable Greg Smith
Oregon House of Representatives
District 57

May 9, 2013

Senator Lee Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee on Business & Transportation
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Beyer,

House Bill 2704-A now comes before you after passing the House of Representatives unanimously on April 17, 2013.

House Bill 2704-A represents a consensus reached after convening several extensive work group sessions. Participants included:

- Renewable Northwest Project
- Umatilla Electric Cooperative
- Association of Oregon Counties
- Department of Energy
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Land Conservation and Development
- Umatilla County
- Union County
- Malheur County
- League of Oregon Cities
- Portland General Electric

I respectfully request the passage of House Bill 2704-A from the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation with a "Do-Pass Recommendation."

Best Regards,

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