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To: Chair Hoyle and House Rules Members
Opposition to HB 3470

From: Gary Young,
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IBEW Local 48

Date: May 27, 2015

RE: Opposition to HB 3470

On further consideration, IBEW Local 48 has decided to reverse its original position on HB 3470. While we support clean-energy technologies like wind and solar energy and energy efficiency upgrades, we are concerned that HB 3470 will negatively impact our brothers and sisters in the electrical utility industry.

As we consider policies to transition away from coal generated energy to cleaner technologies, we want to be mindful of all workers in Oregon and are concerned that HB 3470 will result in an immediate loss of family wage jobs for electrical utility workers.

IBEW 48 remains committed to building our clean energy sector and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We believe there are appropriate strategies to build and acquire more emissions-free generation and look forward to partnering with the legislature and stakeholders in that discussion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Young".

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