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Oregon PUDs Support HB 4036 with the -31 Amendments

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Chair Vega-Pederson and Members of the House Committee on Energy & Environment,

The Oregon People's Utility District Association (OPUDA) supports the inclusion of the -31 amendments to HB 4036. The language embodied in the -31s includes fixes to the RPS agreement that balance the territorial concerns between the three types of consumer-owned utilities. For OPUDA specifically, the addition on page two of the -31 amendments reads:

"(b) Nothing in this subsection authorizes the acquisition of service territory of a people's utility district organized under ORS chapter 261 by a municipal electric utility."

This language satisfies our concerns that nothing in HB 4036 relating to municipal acquisition of service territory equates to a repeal of existing law.

Thank you to the Chair and Committee Members for working with OPUDA on this important clarification. We support the -31s and the overall bill.

-Paul & Danelle Romain, Representing OPUDA