

From the Desk of
Senator
Alan Olsen

February 12, 2016

The Honorable members of the Oregon State Senate

Dear Senators:

We the undersigned organizations urge your support for SB 1547-A which creates clarity in an area of statute that is currently ambiguous as it relates to what entities fall under the regulatory authority of the Public Utility Commission. The bill creates statutory language that reflects current practice. The adjustment has been a long time in coming and dates back to the time when this section of law was codified. The bill maintains the current exemption language for municipal electric utilities, and creates a new section to clarify the exemption for cooperative electric utilities and PUDs, and it does not interfere with statutes outside of ORS 757.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this simple but important bill.

Sincerely,



Umatilla Electric Cooperative



Oregon Rural Electric Cooperative Association



Oregon People's Utility Association



Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association



League of Oregon Cities