

Committee Members;

I strongly urge your support for SB 1552, the Ratepayer Protection Act. The utility who supplies the electricity to our home raises their rates and or facilities charge almost every year. Never before have I seen such high facilities charges for the privilege of having electricity: \$50 a month.

We are constantly told to conserve energy, only to have our rates raised because their customers are now using less electricity. No matter what we do, our rates are raised on us.

On top of that, we have no choice to use another electric company because they have a monopoly on the area we live.

Oregon's abundance of rainfall blesses us with the ability to have hydropower - one of the cleanest energy sources available. Breaching these dams would be a disaster for more reasons than I want to go into in this letter, but it too would lead to higher and higher utility costs for Oregon's ratepayers. Already we are forced into paying extra fees on our utility bills to remove the dams. This is wrong in so many ways.

Please support SB 1552, we cant afford to pay for higher and higher rates, fees, and taxes.

Thank you,
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