



**Oregon Citizens'  
Utility Board**



March 14, 2019

Senator Michael Dembrow  
Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 98, renewable natural gas

Chair Michael Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

The Citizens Utility Board and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers share a concern with SB 98 because it requires the use of an automatic adjustment clause to pass through to ratepayers investments in renewable natural gas projects by local distribution companies. The bill currently states that automatic adjustment clauses shall be used to pass through costs. The Oregon Public Utility Commission should have the authority to authorize the use of such a clause when warranted, but should not be required to do so. The language in the bill should be permissive, not mandatory.

We appreciate the opportunity to put forward our concerns,

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