



Tuesday, February 4, 2020

The Honorable Karin Power
Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environment
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Salem, OR 97301

Chair Power and Members of the Committee,

AWEC is a non-profit organization comprised of the largest, most innovative and trusted employers in the West. AWEC provides a strong advocacy voice in shaping the dynamics of energy markets and regulatory policy in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. AWEC was formed April 1, 2018, through joining the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users groups into a single entity.

AWEC members provide tens of thousands of highly paid technical jobs. AWEC has a large and diversified base of members that represent industries such as agriculture, aeronautics, air products, pulp and paper, food processing, information technology, healthcare, and more.

HB 4135

- AWEC could support provisions of the bill that would require IOUs to invest their proceeds from the clean fuels programs in electronic vehicles in lieu of other investments.
- AWEC's opposition to the bill centers around the requirement that IOUs invest a minimum of 1% annually in EV infrastructure in addition to clean fuels money. We estimate this could be a cost impact of \$15-\$20 million a year for the IOUs.
- This would add to the costs that ultimately fall on ratepayers. With numerous proposals around transportation electrification, AWEC is increasingly concerned that there are not adequate caps in place to protect ratepayers from being forced to absorb all the new costs associated with the development of the new transportation infrastructure.