



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 4067**

- While AWEC supports conversations around the energy burdens on low-impact customers, and specifically does not oppose legislation that would allow for differential rates for low-income customers, we have concerns with the bill as drafted.
- The concern with HB 4067 is the inclusion of environmental mandates into the commission's decisions. This makes it very difficult for the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to identify an objective economic basis for decisions that take environmental justice into account, and to allocate costs associated with environmental justice activities to customers.
- AWEC feels that this is outside of the scope of what the PUC does and is capable of doing as an economic regulator.