

April 9, 2021

The Honorable Jeff Golden  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Senate Bill 762 – Letter of Support

Dear Chair Golden,

One of the highest priority recommendations in the Governor’s Council on Wildfire Response’s report was directed at the Oregon Legislature to pass legislation requiring utilities to prepare statewide, risk-based, wildfire mitigation plans. As utilities, we recognize the importance of wildfire mitigation to every community we serve.

To that end, we are writing in support of sections 1-6b in Senate Bill 762 with the -3 amendment addressing wildfire mitigation plan requirements for electric utilities.

As evidenced by our companies’ support of similar legislation in 2020, Pacific Power, Portland General Electric and Idaho Power continue to support the recommendation that utilities operate in compliance with risk-based wildfire protection plans approved by the Public Utility Commission.

For the 2021 Legislative Session, our companies have worked collaboratively with the Public Utility Commission on language to amend Senate Bill 762. Senate Bill 762 with the -3 amendment is the product of that collaboration and includes the standards and procedures that a utility should prudently implement to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire.

We urge your support of the Senate Bill 762 -3 amendment and look forward to continued discussion as the bill moves through the legislative process.

