

Good afternoon

Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Senate Committee on Energy & Environment,

My name is Alma, I am a mother and working woman, activists and volunteer in various organizations, live in Tigard Or.

I urge you to vote yes on House Bill 2475 A as it currently stands and move it forward to the Senate plenary with a recommendation for approval. Please do not adopt amendments "-A11", which would negate a primary purpose of this bill by substantially limiting intervenor funding for environmental justice stakeholders and existing Public Utilities Commission interveners such as the Board of Public Services of Citizens.

Since 2020 the Oregon community has gone through many difficulties, unfortunately there are cases that come from further behind due to the lack of energy in their counties since they do not have a good infrastructure and will help to obtain energy at fair and reasonable low costs, This bill will help many people to get energy to pay excessive charges. As unfortunately Black, Native American, and people of color have the highest energy rates. cargo in Oregon.

With this bill 2475 A. it will allow the Public Utility Commission to make changes to its energy rates so that they can be accessible to many more people.

This bill will help a lot for the economy in Oregon Since at the moment we are going through difficult situations and sometimes it is very worrying and stressful for many citizens when we have to decide to pay between electricity and food. We also go through the winter because the energy rate gets too high and it is the same as we have to stay indoors with blankets and jackets because we do not want to turn on the electricity. because we know that the electricity bill will reach very high.

Too many people living for many years in rural areas that unfortunately what they pay for electricity is more than they earn and this proposal will undoubtedly help the most marginalized communities is that they are experiencing a great need for support at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2475 A, which passed the House of Representatives with bipartisan support. Please pass this bill as-is onward to the Senate floor for a vote with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely

Alma from Tigard or