

Submitter: Dylan Plummer
On Behalf Of: Sierra Club
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB1537

Chair Jama and members of the Committee,

My name is Dylan Plummer and I am a resident of Eugene, Oregon. I am the Senior Campaign Representative working on building electrification for the Sierra Club in the Pacific Northwest and am writing on behalf of our members here in Oregon.

I strongly urge the Committee to oppose SB 1537. Seemingly brought by industry groups with no community support, this bill is another example of a long trend of anti-regulation legislation intended to constrain state agencies and make it harder to enact new regulations or rules.

I oppose the substance of this bill for a variety of reasons. As a baseline, the stated purpose of the bill is wholly unnecessary. Cost assessments are already built into agency rulemaking processes. For example, the Building Codes Division regularly assesses the cost impact of any new code advancements. This bill puts a new, burdensome, and ill-defined layer onto that work.

In many ways, the anti-regulation consequence of this bill could be setting a near-impossible bar for any new regulation by any of the named agencies to ever be adopted by many state agencies.

I strongly urge you to oppose SB 1537.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dylan Plummer