

Testimony in Support of HB 2816
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To Committee members and staff

350 Salem OR² supports HB 2816

HB 2021 in the 2021 legislative session set declining caps for greenhouse gas emissions for electric companies and energy service suppliers. High energy use facilities as defined by HB 2816 should not be allowed to escape the requirements under ORS 469A.410. This would be a loophole that is inconsistent with the legislative intent of ORS 469A.400 to 469A.475.

HB 2816 closes this loophole and should be adopted.

Thank you for the work you do for Oregon and for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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² 350 Salem OR is a chapter of 350.org, an international non-profit dedicated to reducing climate pollution and human-caused climate disruptions, such as the 2020 Labor Day Santiam Canyon wildfire and the June 2021 heat dome event.