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Chair Marsh and members of the committee,

OSCC is a trade association for Oregon chambers of commerce that represents 86 local chambers of commerce and more than 27,000 local businesses in every corner of Oregon.

The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) **opposes** House Bill 3152 for the following reasons:

Section 2 states that it is the policy of the state that residential customers be protected from the costs of stranded fossil fuel assets.

OSCC's interpretation of this policy is that it would result in a cost shift to commercial and manufacturing customers. This is not only unfair, but it will further exacerbate inflationary cost pressures in the business sector. In short, it could potentially be a new energy cost imposed on local business customers.

Section 2 also ends natural gas subsidies and incentives for the purchase or installation of gas appliances or devices. Most of these incentives are dedicated to low income customers.

OSCC opposes HB 3152 because it is likely to result in shifting (and increased) energy costs to the local commercial and industrial ratepayers who are already operating on small margins and facing some of the highest costs of doing business in many years.

Respectfully submitted,

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