

Chair Pam Marsh House Climate, Environment, and Environment Committee 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3378 -2 Amendment

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 3378 with the -2 Amendment.

Beginning in November of 2022, Portland General Electric and Pacific Power participated in the Chair's workgroup on energy resilience. We appreciated the thoughtfulness that Chair Marsh and Representative Owens brought to the workgroup while examining community needs and state strategies to support resilience across Oregon.

The county energy resilience planning outlined in the -2 Amendment provides a crucial step in resilience planning in our state. We appreciate that the workgroup was receptive to concerns around disclosure of sensitive energy infrastructure information that led to the inclusion of the language in Section 1 (5). We look forward to working with counties that choose to develop energy resilience plans for their communities and needs.

Beyond the county planning work, we are committed to continuing the ongoing conversations around energy resilience more broadly. A focus on resiliency and the exploration of microgrids is underway through the regulatory work at the Oregon Public Utility Commission, including in UM 2225 and the implementation of the utility Clean Energy Plans in accordance with House Bill 2021 (2021). The Public Utility Commission is the appropriate venue for examining the costs and benefits of technology that promotes resiliency and includes an established process that allows for robust stakeholder feedback.

We look forward to continued work with Chair Marsh, Representative Owens, and other stakeholders as conversations evolve on this important issue.

We urge your support of HB 3378 and the -2 Amendment.

Sincerely,

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