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I am writing today to ask you to pass HB 3336. We all know that we must rapidly transition away from fossil fuels if our grandchildren are going to have a hope at a livable future. It just got harder at the federal level because of the current administration's total hostility to all things climate, safety, and the State of Oregon. For this transition to happen we need to greatly improve our aging, badly maintained electric grid. My late husband, a principal engineer at Pacific Power, used to talk about how his industry needed to radically improve the electric grid, increasing efficiency, capacity and safety. He was extremely disappointed that his company, and other for profit electric companies seemed incapable of this. Anything beyond short term profits for the company was ignored. And now, here we are. It is time, and past time, to do this. This bill would go a long way towards addressing this problem by requiring electric utilities to incorporate Grid Enhancement Technologies in their future planning. The for profit companies have demonstrated that they will not do what needs to be done without the people, which is all of us voting for all of you, making them do it.