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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

Dear Chair Power, Vice Chairs Bonham and Sollman, and committee members,

As data centers proliferate across the country consuming unprecedented amounts of electricity, they are driving up energy prices for the average citizen.

These higher energy costs are because of the increased demand. This burden should not be put upon families to subsidize this new and growing industry.

A new customer category for this new and growing industry need to be created to protect families.

I am not opposed to high tech. I just feel that as it grows, it needs to be appropriately managed so that families are not subsidizing this burgeoning industry.

Thank you for you time and your consideration of Oregon families.

Sincerely,

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HB 3546: Protecting Oregonians' Energy Bills

? Oregon families and small businesses are already struggling. We should not be subsidizing the energy costs of data centers.

? The POWER Act will ensure that utility costs can be tracked and billed appropriately to

data centers by creating a new customer category at each for-profit electric utility.

? HB 3546 protects families and small businesses from paying for data center-specific

costs when these new users are connected to the energy grid and when they add new

costs to the system in the future.

HB 3546: Holding Data Centers Accountable

? Data centers have grown exponentially over the last decade and added a lot of costs to

our energy grid.

? The POWER Act makes data centers pay their fair share of energy costs by allowing

regulators to assign costs that only benefit one type of customer.

? HB 3546 ensures that expensive data center caused utility investments are continually paid for by data centers by requiring signed utility contracts for at least 10 years.

HB 3546: A Stronger Energy Grid for Everyone

? We have seen other states struggle to meet energy needs as data centers have boomed. Oregon needs to protect our energy systems as well as affordability.

? The POWER Act ensures that utilities can plan for how to reliably provide electricity to everyone by requiring data centers to commit to paying for minimum energy use and fines for excess energy use.