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Instead of raising rates for residential customers by gobbling up electricity, the expanding data centers and cryptocurrency shops could pay higher rates to expand and strengthen our electric energy supply. Oregon households are having trouble paying the recent large increases in their electric bills, and disconnections are happening at a record-breaking rate. HB 3546 will create a new customer class for data centers and cryptocurrency shops starting at 20MW customers. This will protect families and small businesses from paying for the costs of providing electricity for these large energy users.