

# POWER Act

## Protecting Oregonians With Energy Responsibility

HB 3546

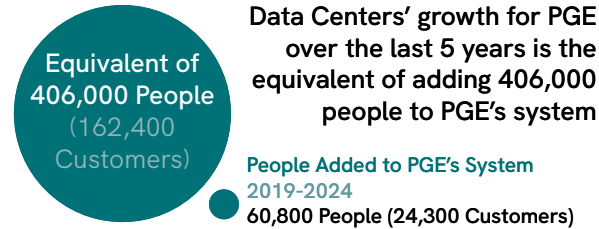
### THE PROBLEM

#### BIG ENERGY USERS V. OREGON HOUSEHOLDS

The demand for energy is growing rapidly in Oregon—mainly from data centers and other big tech. This mass influx of very large energy users is putting a strain on our energy system and driving up costs for everyone.

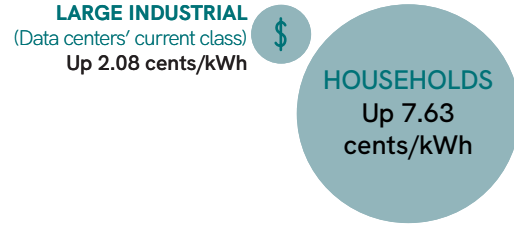
#### DATA CENTER LOAD GROWTH

PGE'S SYSTEM: 2019-2024



#### BILLING RATE INCREASES

PGE'S SYSTEM: 2015-2024



**We're already seeing the impact of large energy users not paying their share.**

As we have seen significant growth in data centers, we have seen big increases in energy bills. Since 2021, PGE and Pacific Powers households' bills have increased by nearly 50%. By just October 2024, these utilities together disconnected nearly 53,000 households—the most since reporting started in 2018.

### PROTECTING FAMILIES FROM LARGE ENERGY USERS

#### HB 3546: POWER ACT

The POWER Act (HB 3546) seeks to hold large energy users accountable for paying for their own energy needs. This bill requires state regulators to create new policies to help protect Oregon households from paying for the energy needs of data centers, cryptocurrency, and other big tech. It will also make for-profit utilities identify the costs that these large energy users are adding to the system—and make them pay their share. By creating a special category for these customers, regulators can protect Oregonians from covering the cost of these businesses.

#### Oregon Public Utility Commission: Protecting Households and Small Businesses

- **Create a new customer class for data centers and cryptocurrency shops** starting at 20MW customers
- **Protect families and small businesses from costs** when bringing these new large energy users online
- **Prevent risk for families and small businesses** from paying for the costs of these large energy users

#### Selected Large Energy Users: Ensuring Energy Investments Are Used & Paid For

- **Sign contracts for at least 10 years** to ensure expensive investments are worth it
- **Pay for a minimum amount of energy** in a period of time, even if they use less energy than expected
- **Pay an extra fee if they use too much**, ensuring excess costs don't go to households

**We need data centers, cryptocurrency, and other large energy users to pay their fair share.** Their demand for energy is creating greater need to invest in our energy grid but the cost is largely going to everyone else. This bill will help state regulators assign these high costs to only those customers who are making them necessary in the first place.

*This law would only apply to Oregon's For-Profit, Investor Owned Utilities:  
Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, Idaho Power*

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