

Testimony in Support of HB 3540 | Rep B Levy

Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Representative Bobby Levy, and I proudly represent House District 58.

I am here today in support of HB 3540, a bill that takes a thoughtful step toward ensuring that electric utilities can continue to meet Oregon's clean energy goals in a realistic and financially responsible manner.

As we continue transitioning to a cleaner energy future, it's essential that we balance our ambitious goals with the economic realities facing utilities and their customers—especially in rural Oregon, where energy costs can already be a heavy burden for families, small businesses, and agricultural producers.

HB 3540 establishes a single, clear limit on the cost of compliance for electric utilities subject to both the renewable portfolio standard and statutory clean energy targets. This change will streamline compliance, provide predictability, and ensure that utilities are not overwhelmed by competing or duplicative mandates.

This bill does not walk back our clean energy commitments—it simply ensures that utilities can meet those requirements without putting affordability and reliability at risk. It is a common-sense measure that reflects the realities of operating a power grid while continuing to reduce emissions and invest in renewable energy.

I urge your support of HB 3540. Let's ensure our clean energy transition remains practical, affordable, and sustainable for all Oregonians.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby Levy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bobby Levy, House District 58