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**Oregon Progressive Party  
Position on Bill at 2019  
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

**HB 2855: Support**

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which add this to the duties and powers of the Oregon Public Utility Commission:

(2) In addition to the duties and powers described in subsection (1) of this section, the commission shall serve the public interest when deciding or deliberating toward a decision by:

(a) Protecting the customers of any public utility or telecommunications utility and the public generally with respect to the provision by the public utility or telecommunications utility of safe and reliable services, and with respect to the establishment by the public utility or telecommunications utility of safe and reliable infrastructure;

(b) Developing and implementing policies and rules that encourage social equity, environmental justice, the enhancement of the environment, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, customer choice, the diverse ownership of electric generation systems, the fulfillment of the state's energy and climate policies and the health of the state's economy;

(c) Stimulating and promoting innovation and competition in the energy, transportation, water and telecommunications industries; and

(d) Allowing and fostering broad participation in the regulatory process.

These additions are very warranted.

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