

## **HB1532 - UNFAVORABLE**

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## **HB1532 Utility RELIEF Act**

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Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the Committee

We urge an unfavorable report on HM1532.

Although this bill includes many policy priorities we support, it also includes many provisions we cannot, in good conscience, support. Moreover, HB1532 was an important companion bill to the Affordable Solar Act, which will not meet the crossover deadline. On its own, HB1532 will do more harm than good.

Chiefly, HB1532 will weaken the EmPOWER program by reducing greenhouse gas reduction targets, delaying those targets by nine years. We also oppose the provisions that would subsidize nuclear energy and allow a 15% cost overrun; it is widely known that nuclear energy plants are costly and time-consuming to build, and we still have not solved the problems of nuclear waste and safety.