



**Testimony Neither for Nor Against LD 1008
An Act To Require Joint Use Entities To Establish Permanent Liaisons with All
County Emergency Management Agencies**

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Chairman Lawrence, Chairman Berry, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Technology, my name is James Cote and I am here today on behalf of Versant Power to testify neither for nor against LD 1008.

Versant Power believes strongly in maintaining effective lines of communication with local emergency management agencies, including establishing formal liaisons with those agencies in our service territory to better facilitate disaster and emergency responses.

We would be happy to participate in any discussions with this committee or with the Public Utilities Commission regarding the details, implementation, and compliance requirements of such a program to ensure that it adequately achieves its intended outcomes.

We would be pleased to provide any information that may be helpful to you for the work session. Thank you for your consideration.