



May 6, 2013

Senator Jackie Dingfelder, Chair  
Senate Environment & Natural Resources Committee  
Oregon Senate

Senator Dingfelder,

The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC) strongly supports HB 2801. This legislation provides a number of important advances for energy efficiency resources in the State of Oregon. The bill provides for a slightly altered definition for cost effectiveness which we believe will work to increase the amount of conservation resources that occur in the state. The language would change the reference frame for determining cost effectiveness from the individual level to that of the whole building. This change would not permit incentive dollars for imprudent actions, but instead allow building owners the flexibility to invest in multiple energy savings options within the building and to calculate the cost effectiveness of those measures at the whole building level. We believe that this will encourage deeper investments in energy efficiency.

The bill also allows the Oregon Public Utility Commission to determine the conditions in which a building owner may stage their energy upgrade projects over time and to do so within a single cost effectiveness determination. This staged investment approach is consistent with the way many building owners approach the commitment of capital dollars and is thereby a change which better aligns cost effectiveness with the way markets function.

NEEC encourages your committee's support of HB 2801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stan Price", is located below the word "Sincerely,".

Stan Price, Executive Director