



Chair Bailey and Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

OBA strongly supports the goal of increasing energy efficiency in ways that:

- Strengthens our economy,
- Are economically efficient,
- Makes additional capital available for the Oregon economy.

Legislation is necessary to build on and refine our system that already is effectively delivering efficiency. As we work towards a ten year vision for efficiency, policy refinements should include the type of legislation found in SB 692 and SB 840.

With similar standards already in place in California, Oregon is at risk of having less energy efficient appliances offloaded in Oregon even after manufacturers start meeting California's energy efficiency standards.

OBA supports common sense energy efficiency programs as a cost effective way of generating new energy. Adopting minimum energy efficiency standards for small appliances similar to what has already been adopted in California and is being considered in Washington will be an economic boon to Oregon energy and water consumers; from families and schools to businesses and public buildings.

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