



Apollo Alliance: Clean Energy & Good Jobs

Working to catalyze a clean energy revolution that will put millions of Americans back to work

From the desk of
Representative
Vega Pederson
VP

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Dear Representative:

Using energy inefficiently is a drag on Oregon's economy and environment. The Oregon BlueGreen Apollo Alliance is proud to support SB 692 B, which adds efficiency standards for three appliance types. The bill will not cost the state money, and in fact, will save consumers, businesses and public institutions millions of dollars in energy costs. Those savings can be reinvested in activities that benefit Oregon's economy and climate.

Energy savings will come from:

Battery chargers, which waste up to 60% of the electricity they consume. Even when disconnected from devices, battery chargers suck up "vampire" electricity. This measure alone is projected to save consumers \$15.7 million in annual electricity costs by 2020. Small battery chargers for consumer electronic devices, as well as, large battery chargers for forklifts and golf carts, will be required to meet efficiency standards already in place in California.

Double-ended quartz halogen lamps, a common type of outdoor floodlight. Improving efficiency on this one type of bulb, mainly used for parking lots and street lighting, will save \$5 million in annual electricity costs by 2020.

New television sets. Television technology is evolving for ever-crisper pictures but also for energy savings. This standard will save consumers over \$1 million a year through 2020 and a total of 14,000 megawatt hours, resulting in total economic value of approximately \$5 million.

Making appliances and battery chargers more energy-smart is a sensible move. It saves money and helps the environment. Though relatively small in terms of jobs impact, when this measure is combined with other policy efforts (like the federal Clean Energy Manufacturing Initiative), it can become an important incentive for the creation of manufacturing opportunities locally.

We were pleased to see bipartisan passage of SB 692 in the Senate, and urge continued bipartisan support in the House. Thank you for your "yes" vote.

Sincerely,

Barbara Byrd

On behalf of the Oregon Blue-Green Apollo Alliance

The Oregon BlueGreen Apollo Alliance is developing a groundswell of support in Oregon for action to address climate change and build a renewable energy economy that will put people to work. We are working to build consensus among labor, business, environmental and low-income advocacy organizations to build a more sustainable 21st century Oregon economy.
