



February 18, 2015

Senate Bill 5510

RE: Oregon State Department of Energy Budget

Co- Chairs Devlin, Rayfield and Members of the Committee,

NEEC is pleased to provide written comment on Senate Bill 5510. The Northwest Energy Efficiency Council is a non-profit trade association of the energy efficiency industry. NEEC member companies provide energy efficiency products and services and assist in the development and implementation of energy efficiency programs. NEEC advocates an affordable, energy efficient future for commercial, industrial and residential customers

Board members of NEEC believe that the Agency has made a good choice in leadership in Mike Kaplan. The industry has confidence in his management capabilities. He has already met with our industry in an open and informative information exchange and the EE industry is eager to work with Mike and the department.

Energy efficiency seems to remain a high priority for ODOE, based on these conversations with Mike, and that makes good sense since it is the cheapest resource and provides Oregonians with lower operating costs and improved comfort in their homes and businesses.

We are very supportive of new initiatives at ODOE, especially in targeted EE investments in schools – particularly K-12 schools not served by the ETO – to improve energy efficiency. These investments will lead to lower operating costs for schools districts and a better more comfortable learning environment of students and teachers.

In conclusion, NEEC supports the ODOE budget package and we look forward to working with Mike Kaplan and his team.

Sincerely,

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Oregon Board Member

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