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TO: Representative Nosse

FROM: Department of Energy

SUBJECT: Oregon Department of Energy Incentive and Loan Programs

The introduced HB 2762 states that any school district that provides breakfast or lunch at any school site of the school district may not use polystyrene foam plates, trays, food containers or food packaging in the service of any meal. A school district may employ a phased approach in reducing these items until full compliance on July 1, 2021.

The -1 Amendment reverses the prohibition on polystyrene foam plates, trays, food containers or food packaging in the service of any meal, and allows the use of these items as long as the school district participates in a recycling program for the polystyrene foam.

For schools that choose to comply with HB 2762 by switching from polystyrene service ware to service ware that can be washed in a dishwasher and reused. The key factor for energy efficiency funding is energy savings. If a school needs to upgrade existing equipment, such as water heating and dishwashing, incentives are available to offset the cost of energy-efficient equipment compared to baseline. Oregon Department of Energy can offer the following from its programs.

- SB 1149 Schools: Dishwashers and water heaters may be eligible for cost-effective reimbursement, not to exceed annual savings x measure life for eligible schools. SB1149 is public purpose charge funding – added to each customer's electric bill. SB1149 Public purpose charge funds are collected by Portland General Electric and Pacific Power. A portion of the public purpose charge funds is allocated to eligible schools. ODOE guides school investment in energy efficiency projects by reviewing audits, determining cost effectiveness, prioritizing upgrades and inspecting completed work.
- Small-scale Energy Loan Program SELP: Loans on commercial appliances if implementation saves energy. The Energy Loan Program can loan to individuals, businesses, schools, cities, counties, special districts, state and federal agencies, public corporations, cooperatives, tribes, and non-profits.
- Energy Incentive Program EIP –The program promotes investment in renewable energy development by providing incentives for businesses, organizations, public bodies, nonprofits and tribes that install and operate a renewable energy production system that produces electricity. If a commercial offering is released that includes water heating and dishwashing equipment, schools could be eligible. EIP offers tax credits for a portion of incremental cost for energy efficient equipment.