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Chairman Mark Hass & Chairman Phil Barnhart Joint Committee On Tax Credits Oregon State Legislature 900 Court Street NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Chairman Hass and Chairman Barnhart,

On behalf of the Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute (AHRI), I would like to express **support for HB 2681**, which will be considered by the Joint Committee on Tax Credits today.

AHRI is the trade association representing manufacturers of HVACR and water heating equipment within the global industry. AHRI's 300+ member companies manufacture quality, efficient, and innovative residential and commercial air conditioning, space heating, water heating, and commercial refrigeration equipment and components for sale in North America and around the world. AHRI's members account for more than 90 percent of HVACR and water heating residential and commercial equipment manufactured and sold in North America.

HB 2681 provides incentives for consumers to purchase heating and cooling equipment that can provide energy savings as well as environmental benefits. AHRI's members' manufacture products that fall under the definition of "alternative energy device" in ORS 469B.100 and believe that the incentive provided from these credits has been beneficial for the sale and installation of alternative energy devices.

It is in the interest of Oregon consumers, the environment, and manufacturers that the alternative energy device tax credit be extended until 2024.

Please let me know if you have questions regarding AHRI's support of HB 2681.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Best regards,

Garrett McGuire Director, Government Relations Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute

CC: Members of the Joint Committee On Tax Credits