

# House Bill 2748

Sponsored by Representative JOHNSON

## SUMMARY

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Modifies sources of moneys deposited in Residential Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality Improvement Fund.

Requires Department of Environmental Quality to prioritize allocation of grants, loans or other subsidies under solid fuel burning device replacement or removal program to be used in nonattainment areas for particulate matter or areas at substantial risk of being designated nonattainment areas for particulate matter.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to the Residential Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality Improvement Fund; amending ORS  
3 468A.490.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 468A.490 is amended to read:

6 468A.490. (1) There is established within the State Treasury a fund known as the Residential  
7 Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality Improvement Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund.

8 (2) All moneys appropriated or received [*as gifts or grants for the purposes of this section*] **from**  
9 **any source, public or private, for the purpose of reducing the emission of air contaminants**  
10 **from solid fuel burning devices** shall be credited to the Residential Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality  
11 Improvement Fund.

12 (3) The State Treasurer may invest and reinvest the moneys in the fund as provided in ORS  
13 293.701 to 293.857. Interest from the moneys deposited in the fund and earnings from investment of  
14 the moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.

15 (4) All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
16 Quality to:

17 (a) Pay all costs incurred by the department for evaluating projects and programs, including  
18 projects and programs proposed by local communities or qualifying organizations, for project man-  
19 agement and oversight of funds awarded for projects and programs selected in accordance with this  
20 section and for documenting the benefit to air quality from such projects;

21 (b) Fund the program established under subsection (5) of this section;

22 (c) Fund activities to enhance enforcement of ORS 468A.460 to 468A.515;

23 (d) Fund public education programs related to compliance with ORS 468A.460 to 468A.515; and

24 (e) Fund public education programs related to the benefits of the use of solid fuel burning de-  
25 vices certified pursuant to ORS 468A.460 to 468A.515.

26 (5)(a) The department shall use moneys available under subsection (4) of this section to establish  
27 a program designed to reduce the emission of air contaminants by providing grants, loans or other  
28 subsidies for the replacement or removal of solid fuel burning devices that were not certified by the  
29 department pursuant to ORS 468A.465. In addition to any other requirements established by rules

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission, the program shall provide that:

2 [(a)] (A) All forms of new high-efficiency, low air contaminant-emitting heating systems are al-  
3 lowed, except vent-free heating appliances;

4 [(b)] (B) Any solid fuel burning device removed under the program must be destroyed;

5 [(c)] (C) Any replacement device selected under the program must be installed in conformance  
6 with building code requirements and the manufacturer's specifications including but not limited to  
7 venting specifications; and

8 [(d)] (D) To be eligible, program participants shall participate in any home energy audit program  
9 provided at no charge to the homeowner and shall obtain all information available regarding subsi-  
10 dies for cost-effective weatherization. The department shall make the information required in this  
11 subsection readily available to program participants.

12 **(b) In establishing the program pursuant to this subsection, the department shall prior-**  
13 **itize the allocation of grants, loans or other subsidies for the replacement or removal of solid**  
14 **fuel burning devices in:**

15 **(A) Nonattainment areas in this state that do not attain compliance with the standards**  
16 **for particulate matter established by the commission pursuant to ORS 468A.025; and**

17 **(B) Attainment areas in this state that the department determines are at substantial risk**  
18 **of being designated nonattainment areas due to particulate matter emissions.**

19 (6) The department may enter into an agreement with a local government or a regional author-  
20 ity in order to implement the program established under subsection (5) of this section.

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