



Climate Solutions.

PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL WARMING

April 2, 2019

Representative Ken Helm, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 3094

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee,

Climate Solutions writes in support of **HB 3094**. We strongly support increasing energy efficiency in Oregon to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, enable Oregon to eliminate dirty coal and natural gas from its energy mix, and reduce costs for Oregon homeowners and renters. This bill supports this goal by providing a new incentive to make home weatherization and other energy efficiency projects affordable for low and moderate income Oregonians.

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate practical and profitable solutions to global warming. For more than 15 years, Climate Solutions has been working to implement energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon reduction policies that demonstrate that clean energy and broadly shared economic prosperity go hand-in-hand.

HB 3094 will re-establish a statewide incentive for reducing the cost of energy efficiency projects to homeowners. Since the elimination of the Renewable Energy Tax Credit program, the home energy efficiency sector has been in decline. This bill is needed to keep a vibrant and talented workforce employed in home energy efficiency projects, particularly in rural and low income neighborhoods. While the Energy Trust of Oregon supports home energy efficiency projects in territories served by PGE and PacifiCorp, many other parts of the state are greatly underserved in home energy efficiency. This bill will help to fix that imbalance and benefit low and moderate income Oregonians. The ETO estimates that every dollar it invests results in three dollars of savings for Oregonians. Such savings to low and moderate income Oregonians is extremely helpful to their energy bills and helps the state to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

We urge you to support **HB 3094**. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Meredith Connolly', written in black ink.

Meredith Connolly
Oregon State Director