

Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

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To: House Energy and Environment Committee

From: Janice Thompson, Deputy Director – Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

Re: Support for HB 3094

The Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB) urges your support for HB 3094.

HB 3094 reflects the need for a statewide Home Weatherization, Retrofit and Affordability Program (HomeWRAP) that creates a residential energy efficiency investment incentive. CUB has long supported a comprehensive approach to supporting energy efficiency investments that conserve energy and are a key element of addressing climate change.

HB 3094 is particularly laudable due to its emphasis on helping low- and moderate-income households. These families would especially benefit in terms of cost savings and co-benefits such as improved health and safety conditions.

HB 3094 also supports energy efficiency service companies, typically small businesses throughout Oregon. The job creation value of these businesses contributes to community economic resiliency.

CUB strongly urges a yes vote on HB 3094 since it facilitates strategic energy efficiency investments that help households and communities across the state.