



## TESTIMONY ON HB 4024 HOUSE ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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Chair Power and Members of the Committee:

Oregon Business & Industry (OBI) is the largest statewide business organization representing approximately 1,600 businesses that employ nearly 300,000 Oregonians. Our members cover virtually every industry in Oregon, and more than 80 percent of them are small businesses with fewer than 100 employees.

OBI initially had several concerns about HB 4024 that have now been addressed by Representative Fahey in the amendment being offered today and OBI is now neutral on the bill.

We appreciate that the amendment:

- Requires the adoption of rules that align with current Oregon law and regulation of equipment and products utilizing hydrofluorocarbons or other substitutes;
- Urges adoption of rules consistent with other states that have adopted programs regulating hydrofluorocarbons and substitutes;
- Requires adoption of rules that consider the existing labeling requirements of other states and the federal government as sufficient disclosure;
- Requires conformance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regulations if certain hydrofluorocarbon products are approved in the future.

We believe these changes allow Oregon to align its regulation of equipment and products utilizing hydrofluorocarbons with other states and provide consistency for businesses that operate in multiple western states to avoid putting Oregon businesses at a competitive disadvantage by issuing tougher regulations. OBI urges implementation of a regulatory program that is not more stringent than the State of Washington's so the regulatory expectations across state lines are clear.

For these reasons OBI has taken a neutral position on HB 4024 and we appreciate Representative Fahey's work to address our concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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