

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 3141 Relating to energy**

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To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Gomberg

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HB 3141 reduces the public purpose charge for electricity consumers from 3 percent to 1.5 percent. Electric companies or Oregon Community Power must collect a public purpose charge equal to 1.5 percent of total revenues collected from retail electricity consumers for electricity services for low-income electric bill payment and crisis assistance to be paid into the Low-Income Electric Bill Payment Assistance Fund. The measure extends the collection of the charge through January 1, 2036 and adds eligible uses of funds allocated to new low-income weatherization. The measure also changes how the public purpose charge is allocated, which is expected to increase revenues to the Housing and Community Services Department's Energy Conservation Helping Oregonians weatherization program and the Housing Development Grant Program.

The Subcommittee recommends an increase in expenditure limitation of \$9,751,584 Other Funds to the Housing and Community Services Department in the 2021-23 biennium, as reflected in the amendment, to expand the Energy Conservation Helping Oregonians weatherization program by allowing funding for manufactured housing replacement and changing energy sources from bulk fuels to electricity sources. To implement these changes, the department anticipates needing three permanent, full-time positions (2.64 FTE) for program management, fiscal compliance, and technical assistance.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 3141 be amended by the –A4 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.