

HB 2062 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Carrier: Sen. Dembrow

Action Date: 05/11/21
Action: Do pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-1-0-0
Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Dembrow, Findley, Taylor
Nays: 1 - Robinson
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 4/27, 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes energy efficiency standards for certain appliances sold or offered for sale in this state. Authorizes Director of State Department of Energy (Director) to adopt rules to update the minimum energy efficiency standards or test methods to a more recent version to maintain or improve consistency with other comparable standards in other states. Stipulates that rules adopted under this subsection shall take effect on or after the effective date of a similar standard or test method adopted by another state. Directs Director to consult with the State Plumbing Board before defining certain terms. Removes water-related fixtures, appliances, and equipment from list of appliances that must meet or exceed minimum energy efficiency standards in order to be installed for compensation. Authorizes Director to consult with the appropriate advisory boards to the Department of Consumer and Business Services before adopting rules to update the minimum energy efficiency standards or test methods. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Stakeholder process
- Alignment of standards and definitions with other western states
- Role of Building Codes Division and building code advisory boards in rule making processes
- Creating new efficiency standard would still require the two-step agency and legislative process

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has designated a number of programs to encourage energy efficiency and conservation. The state appliance efficiency standards program, established in 2005, intended to increase energy efficiency in commercial appliances, while the 2013 program established minimum energy efficiency standards for televisions, large battery charger systems, inductive charger systems, small battery charger systems with certain exceptions and high light output double-ended quartz halogen lamps. The 2020 Governor’s Executive Order (No. 20-04) further establishes appliance standards to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council estimates that the cumulative energy generated through energy efficiency and improvements since 1978 is enough to meet the energy needs of approximately 5.1 million homes in the Northwest.

House Bill 2062 A would establish energy efficiency standards for certain appliances sold or offered for sale in this state. The measure would authorize the Director of the State Department of Energy to update energy efficiency standards by rule, in consultation with the State Plumbing Board in certain cases.