Here are some of the health benefits for low-income Oregonians that the Healthy Homes program would bring if HB 2842 passes:

Fewer sick days for children and adults
Reduced residential energy bills thanks to better insulated housing
New jobs created in home energy retrofits
Better shelter from wildfire smoke and air pollution
Reduced burden on healthcare systems thanks to better respiratory health

Home energy retrofits can be expensive, and renters often don't have a say in home upgrades. HB 2842 would make grants available to local governments (including tribal governments), housing authorities, nonprofits, and community groups so that low-income homeowners and renters alike receive the many health benefits of a well-insulated home. Improving home energy efficiency is also a vital way to reduce Oregon's dependence on fossil fuels and help our transition to total renewable energy. Thank you for listening and implementing this.