

House Committee on Housing
Oregon State Capitol
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Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chairs Campos and Morgan, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in support of HB 2842, the Healthy Homes bill. Currently, many Oregonians cannot afford weatherization and other important safety upgrades in their homes. Yet, we know that these energy-efficiency measures can help relieve energy burden and create comfortable homes.

HB 2842 creates needed funding and structure to acquire energy efficiency and support families living in old and inefficient housing in our state. Not only does this funding pay back in energy and environmental benefits, but by placing this program within the Oregon Health Authority, also recognizes the health aspects of increased efficiency. The intensity of wildfires, covid-19, and recession during the past year have illustrated the present and visceral need to better allocate resources before disasters occur to protect our health, particularly that of the most vulnerable Oregonians.

I urge you to support HB 2842, a needed investment addressing the root of so many crises this year.