

House Committee on Energy and Environment
Chair Pam Marsh
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

February 12, 2021

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Helm and Brock Smith and members of the committee:

Electrify Now is a volunteer organization dedicated to promoting the benefits of electrification as a means to lower energy consumption, lower energy costs and dramatically reduce carbon emissions in Oregon. We work with homeowners, businesses and schools to educate on this topic and to help people take action. We partner with community-based organizations, HVAC contractors, builders and other energy focused non-profits to reduce the consumption of fossil fuels for electricity, transportation and building heating.

We strongly support HB 3141 which extends the public purpose charge, which funds the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) energy efficiency programs, until 2036 and makes important updates to the eligibility of the use of funds. The public purpose charge has made a difference in the lives of Oregonians across the state and it should continue through 2036.

Since its inception, the public purpose charge has enabled the Energy Trust of Oregon to help home and building owners save billions of dollars on their utility bills. These ETO programs create good, high paying jobs for contractors across the state.

We support the inclusion of resiliency measures like battery storage and other technologies within the scope of funding under this bill as well as the provision for renewables project funding for low- and moderate-income ratepayers and for low-income weatherization programs.

The energy efficiency and clean energy measures funded through ETO have saved ratepayers money, lowered our energy consumption, reduced our statewide carbon emissions and help keep Oregonians at work. We urge you to pass HB 3141 to extend ETO funding until 2036.

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