

To the wonderful committee and to everyone else whom this may concern,

I respectfully urge you to support HB 2475. Many people throughout our beautiful state are becoming more and more burdened high by energy costs. Heat is an absolute necessity for many (if not all) areas in our state throughout the winter; nobody should have to pay more than they can reasonably afford just to keep their home livable.

Can you imagine having an extremely limited income and having to choose between heating your house, going hungry or not having basic necessities for your children? This is happening every day with our current system. HB 2475 would create a system that is greatly more equitable and sustainable than the ones that are in place right now, as it will allow the Public Utility Commission to approve rate structures for homes that vary depending on income levels.

This bill will support members of our community who are dealing with the highest rates of energy burden. It is common sense to make sure Oregonians have their basic needs met. Nobody should have to pay more than what is reasonable for them to afford for heat and electricity. Please support HB 2475.

Thank you very much for your time and service,
Kristen Sartor