

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1536

Relating to indoor temperature control

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Steiner Hayward

SB 1536 establishes five new programs and provides dedicated one-time General Fund appropriations for each, totaling \$34.5 million across three agencies, to establish grant or rebate programs to address extreme heat. The programs include:

- Air conditioner and air filter deployment program at Oregon Health Authority: \$5 million
- Warming and cooling shelters or facilities grant program at Department of Human Services: \$2 million
- Cooling places grant program at Department of Energy: \$2 million
- Heat pump deployment program at Department of Energy: \$10 million
- Residential heat pump rebate and grant program at Department of Energy: \$15 million

Additionally, the measure provides \$500,000 of one-time General Fund to the Department of Energy to conduct a study on cooling for public assistance housing, RV parks or manufactured home parks.

The Department of Energy will utilize limited duration staff to work on these new programs, while OHA will contract with a third party to administer the air conditioner and air filter program, and DHS will utilize existing staff to distribute the shelters grants.

The -A5 amendment provides the Department of Energy with Other Funds expenditure limitation to spend the monies deposited into the Heat Pump Deployment Fund and the Residential Heat Pump Fund established in the measure.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends SB 1536 be amended by the –A5 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.