

HB 3056 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 2/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies requirement that 25 percent of the moneys available for issuing grants and rebates from the Residential Heat Pump Fund be for loans for owners of units occupied by households whose income is less than 80 percent of the area median income to the same percentage **benefitting low- or moderate-income households** in each calendar year. Extends Residential Heat Pump Fund until January 2, 2026. Appropriates moneys to Oregon Health Authority for air conditioner and air filter deployment program. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

Subsequent Referral to Joint Committee on Ways and Means

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The environmental conditions that many people experience during long, dry summers often result in human health risks and impacts, such as heat stroke and respiratory problems, as well as energy cost burdens. According to a 2015 PEMCO Insurance Northwest survey, 59 percent of Oregonians do not have air conditioning at home. Census data from 2019 indicates that figure drops to 21 percent in the Portland metro area. According to the Oregon Health Authority, during the June 2021 "heat dome" incident, there were more than 100 heat-related deaths in the state.

House Bill 3056 would extend the Residential Heat Pump Fund until January 2, 2026, and appropriate money to the Oregon Health Authority for an air conditioner and an air filter deployment program.