

HB 3056 -3, -4 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: 2/27, 3/8

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: No revenue impact*

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ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Ability of Oregon Health Authority to purchase air conditioning units
- Types of fuels permitted for use in homes
- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-3 -3 amendment has the same content as -4 amendment with the exception of the *removal of the appropriation of moneys to Oregon Health Authority for air conditioner and air filter deployment program.*

-4 Modifies definition of “extreme heat event” and defines “forecast zone.” Modifies landlord written restrictions and termination notification requirements restricting portable cooling devices when there are extreme heat events for the premises, from the county to the **forecast zone**. Establishes that information regarding days with an extreme heat event **for the forecast zone** can be found on the website for the Housing and Community Services Department (OHCS). Requires OHCS to make available on the department’s website: a list of dates and counties in which there exists an extreme heat event **for a forecast zone in this state**. Modifies requirement that each eligible entity that receives a Heat Pump Deployment Program grant to report to the department each year concerning the status and use of grant funds from “by June 30” to “**for the period of July 1 to June 30.**” Requires the report be submitted on a schedule determined by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). Modifies the date the Director of ODOE is required to submit the first biennial report required under section 16, chapter 86, Oregon Laws 2022, to the Legislative Assembly from no later than December 31 to **October 15, 2023**. Modifies requirement for ODOE providing a grant to the nongovernmental entity that administers public purpose charge moneys under ORS 757.612 (3)(d) to enable the nongovernmental entity to assist landlords in creating or operating, from whenever there is an extreme heat event for the “county of the premises” to “**forecast zone of the premises.**” Modifies date of reporting requirement for ODOE from no later than September 15 to no later than **December 31, 2023. Removes appropriation of moneys to Oregon Health Authority for air conditioner and air filter deployment program.**

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

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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.