

HB 3166 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Action Date: 03/15/23

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
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Vote: 9-0-1-0

Yeas: 9 - Andersen, Helm, Kropf, Levy B, Levy E, Marsh, Osborne, Owens, Pham K

Exc: 1 - Wallan

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/22, 3/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), in consultation with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, to establish: 1) a whole-home energy savings program to provide rebates to individual homeowners, multifamily building owners, and aggregators for home energy efficiency retrofits; and 2) a high-efficiency electric home rebate program to provide rebates for the purchase and installation of appliances and non-appliance upgrades. Requires ODOE to consult with stakeholders, including consumer-owned utilities and investor-owned utilities, and ensure the program maximizes benefits for applicants by leveraging federal and state resources. Requires ODOE to create a single resource that provides to interested persons information, technical assistance, and assistance in identifying contractors and financing options, related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. Requires ODOE to coordinate information and data exchanges between federal and state agencies, private and public utility providers, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers as may be necessary. Authorizes ODOE to contract with a nonprofit or other entity as may be necessary to carry out information and data exchanges. Requires entities that exchange, compile, or maintain information or data or that are involved in carrying out information and data exchanges to use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of the information and data as required by federal and state law, including the Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act and ORS 192.355. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of federal funding at state level
- Rebate amount
- Eligibility criteria
- Federal Justice40 Initiative

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Establishes that Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) must consult with consumer-owned utilities and investor-owned utilities. Modifies ODOE's requirements in creating resources related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. Requires entities that exchange, compile, or maintain information or data or that are involved in carrying out information and data exchanges to use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of the information and data as required by federal and state law, including the Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act and ORS 192.355. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND:

Older buildings are often less energy efficient than newer ones because energy codes have been implemented and made stricter over time. Upgrading older buildings can also be challenging. Housing that has not been retrofitted with energy efficiency upgrades is expensive to heat or outfit with proper filtration. According to the

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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New Buildings Institute, over 85 percent of Oregon's single-family homes were built before 2000.

House Bill 3166 A requires the Oregon Department of Energy, in consultation with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, to establish a whole-home energy savings program and a high-efficiency electric home rebate program.