



To: House Committee On Climate, Energy and Environment
Re: [HB 3166](#) Relating to programs that support home energy efficiency

February 22, 2023

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, members of the Committee,

Electrify PDX urges the committee to vote 'yes' on HB 3166 and do all it can to ensure passage by the legislature. We are a program of Families for Climate representing over 600 Oregon families who care about health/resilience today and the legacy we are leaving for all children.



I support HB 3166 because Oregonians have never had more opportunity to upgrade our existing homes and buildings to perform better and save money. **In the absence of state leadership making information available about clean electrification retrofits, our family and friends have created “Electrify PDX,”** a program to support households and businesses powering their lives with all renewable electricity. Demand is high and growing; we partner with ElectrifyNow to respond to requests from real estate agents, congregations, and other groups eager to learn more. Since November 85 households have enrolled.

Still, there is a lack of clear information about how people can finance home upgrades. From morning until night we are trying to design ways to get subsidy, rebate, and finance information out to people who need it most.

- There are a LOT of resources out there to make homes efficient and reduce GHG.
- BUT - The funding checkerboard has gotten way too complicated. We need coordination and one-stop-shopping! And this is especially important for low-income residents.

Collectively, these incentives can help people upgrade their homes with \$0 out-of-pocket expense, since anything not covered by cash incentives can be financed on a utility bill. But it's too much of a burden for residents - or even contractors - to package all this stuff together.

Individuals and groups in cities across Oregon from Ashland and Bend to Corvallis have formed “electrify groups” to try and fill a vacuum left by the State. Federal IRA rebates are available and **Oregonians need this information from DOE** now, ideally coordinated with state and local incentives and financing options that are already available. It's exciting that the resources are finally here - but the checkerboard of funding sources (attached) has grown too complicated for anyone to sort through. **Filling this gap is far too big a responsibility to leave up to private citizens, especially those with the greatest need and fewest resources.**

Please vote 'yes' and pass HB 3166 to authorize creation of a clearinghouse to help Oregonians

upgrade their homes and prepare for climate-induced health harms, like extreme heat, wildfire smoke and indoor air pollution. This bill will help Oregonians access funds available from different sources to reap all of those benefits. We look forward to helping with the implementation phase of this bill - and spreading the word about this invaluable resource!

Thank you so much for your time.

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Cofounder of ElectrifyPDX

Funding Source Matrix for Home Efficiency & Electrification Upgrades

(each federal, state & local source has its own application form & process)

		How to pay for it							
		Federal tax credit	Federal rebate	OR State tax credit	OR State rebate	Local utility	Energy Trust of Oregon	Portland Clean Energy Fund	On-bill financing (through Craft 3)
Home Energy Upgrade	Battery Storage	eligible		eligible	eligible		Changes often. Check here		
	Electric Panel	eligible	eligible	eligible	eligible		Check		eligible
	Electric Vehicle Charger	eligible				eligible	Check		
	Heat pump A/C + heat	eligible	eligible				Check		eligible
	Heat pump water heater	eligible	eligible				Check		
	Rooftop solar	eligible					Check		
	Weatherization	eligible	eligible				Check		eligible
	Electric stove		eligible				Check		
	Electric wiring		eligible				Check		
	Heat pump clothes dryer		eligible				Check		
	Energy Efficiency Retrofit		eligible				Check		eligible
	Home Energy Audit		eligible				Check		
	New Electric Vehicle	eligible		eligible	eligible		Check		
	Used Electric Vehicle	eligible		eligible	eligible		Check		