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Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
Measure: HB3152

Please vote NO on HB3152. This bill is not necessary with all the strides the utility companies and private sector are already bringing to a clean energy future. This bill will harm low-income rate payers with the reduction of incentives to purchase affordable natural gas appliances as an option to reduce their utility bills. It will restrict the ability of using natural gas as a clean-burning fuel alternative to oil and wood heat in areas where it's efficient and cost effective to do so. As we experienced in the 2020 Fires and 2021 Ice Storm as well as during COVID lockdowns, our State needs a variety of fuel options to keep energy costs affordable and also to keep businesses operating during natural disasters. It is obvious we do not have the electricity infrastructure to handle forcing our citizens to discontinue all gas furnaces, stoves and water heaters, and the biggest loser from this bill will be those of lower income or those in older homes without the finances to make upgrades. It would be irresponsible to pass this bill, so I hope you will vote NO on HB3152 and support all Oregonians and all clean burning fuel options.