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I strongly support this bill. It makes so much sense to make new construction more energy efficient and climate resilient now, rather than retrofitting them later when weather becomes more extreme, as most scientists predict it will. And of course we need building codes and enforcement, because past experience has shown that without them, competition for profits pushes too many construction companies to give safety a lower priority. This is also why there are building codes for earthquake resilient features and other safety measures. We don't want Oregonians to suffer in the future from insufficient safety regulation and building codes as people in Turkey are now! If you think this example is too extreme, look at how many Oregonians could die in buildings with insufficient cooling and ventilation in a heatwave more extreme than in the summer of 2022.