

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee, my name is Peter Grube and I live in Bend. I am a small business owner and real estate developer.

I'm writing today to express my support for the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package (SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, SB 871).

These bills, if passed, will pave the way for homes and buildings in Oregon to be healthier, more efficient, and run on clean energy. As a building industry professional, and high-performance building expert, I understand just how important it is to ensure our buildings – both new and existing – are improved to both reduce climate pollution and protect us from climate impacts, like wildfire smoke and extreme weather events.

We've already experienced that during a 2021 heat wave, 800 people died in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia throughout late June and early July. In Bend we know from our most recent City green house gas inventory that operation of the built environment made up over 50% of our emissions. The responsible path forward is ensuring better buildings for health and safety now and aggressively reducing green house gas emissions to bend the trend line on climate change impacts.

This will also help us reduce upfront and operating costs over the long term, saving Oregonians money and reducing waste.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote yes on the Resilient, Efficient Buildings Policy Package.

Thank you.

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