

I strongly support HB 3459 with the accompanying -4 and -5 amendments.

So many in my community are still struggling due to losing their homes in the Almeda fire. Other Oregonians are facing possible homelessness due to rising costs and lack of living-wage jobs. Others cannot afford basic, essential services due to disabilities and mental health issues.

As a moral society, we must care about and help take care of one another. Any of us could at any time suffer events that would render us unable to meet our own basic needs.

HB 3459 prioritizes the wellbeing of vulnerable households, especially those in which children and/or seniors live. Insufficient heating and access to power can have particularly detrimental health impacts on the young and elderly. HB 3459 would help to address the energy burden of the most vulnerable Oregonians and enhance their quality of life.

Please show that Oregonians care about those most vulnerable and one another—and vote to enact HB 3459.