
SB 1529 & 1530
Technical Fix and Updates:
Air Conditioner (AC) & Air Filtration Device (AFD)
Deployment Program

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AC/AFD Distribution Timeline



Change: Provides authority to distribute devices prior to a National Weather Service (NWS) forecasted extreme weather event without a declaration by the Governor



Events that receive a declaration by the Governor of Oregon are already in process, narrowing effective distribution windows



There are no historic declarations for smoke events, only wildfires. This does not account for smoke from out of state wildfires



Distribution prior to an event allows a larger distribution window, and time for proper installation and device testing before an event.



Allows community-based organizations and OHA more time for OHP Member identification and eligibility determination.

2022 – 2023 State Climate Device Program: Overview & Successes

Utilized Senate Bill 1536 (2021) funding to purchase and distribute devices to low income, medically vulnerable Oregonians through community-based organizations (CBOs) and Oregon Department of Human Services.

- 7,964 ACs
- 9,700 AFDs

2022 – 2023 State Climate Device Program: Overview & Successes

- Community-based organizations distributed half of all devices in 2022-2023.
- OHA focused funding on Open Card members who do not have access to CCO HRS funding mechanisms for climate devices.
- Low-barrier program for OHP members and CBOs.

Senate Bill 1530 funding for Cooling Devices

- An appropriation of \$3,500,000 in 2024 for cooling devices would allow purchase of 5,000 devices that the state would store in anticipation of extreme heat events.
- OHA would partner with community-based organizations to identify and distribute devices to low-income, medically vulnerable Oregonians.

- This funding would allow OHA to continue expanding trusted relationships for community-based organizations to reach those with the greatest need and help connect them with available benefits and services to improve health equity.
- Connects individuals most at risk for extreme climate events to devices to help protect their health at home.

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?