

House Bill 2124

Sponsored by Representative GREENLICK (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Specifies that Department of Environmental Quality may use moneys available in Residential Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality Improvement Fund to provide rebates for replacement or removal of certain solid fuel burning devices.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to wood smoke pollution; amending ORS 468A.490.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 468A.490 is amended to read:

5 468A.490. (1) There is established within the State Treasury a fund known as the Residential
6 Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality Improvement Fund, separate and distinct from the General Fund.

7 (2) All moneys appropriated or received as gifts or grants for the purposes of this section shall
8 be credited to the Residential Solid Fuel Heating Air Quality Improvement Fund.

9 (3) The State Treasurer may invest and reinvest the moneys in the fund as provided in ORS
10 293.701 to 293.857. Interest from the moneys deposited in the fund and earnings from investment of
11 the moneys in the fund shall accrue to the fund.

12 (4) All moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Environmental
13 Quality to:

14 (a) Pay all costs incurred by the department for evaluating projects and programs, including
15 projects and programs proposed by local communities or qualifying organizations, for project man-
16 agement and oversight of funds awarded for projects and programs selected in accordance with this
17 section and for documenting the benefit to air quality from such projects;

18 (b) Fund the program established under subsection (5) of this section;

19 (c) Fund activities to enhance enforcement of ORS 468A.460 to 468A.515;

20 (d) Fund public education programs related to compliance with ORS 468A.460 to 468A.515; and

21 (e) Fund public education programs related to the benefits of the use of solid fuel burning de-
22 vices certified pursuant to ORS 468A.460 to 468A.515.

23 (5) The department shall use moneys available under subsection (4) of this section to establish
24 a program designed to reduce the emission of air contaminants by providing grants, loans, **rebates**
25 or other subsidies for the replacement or removal of solid fuel burning devices that were not certi-
26 fied by the department pursuant to ORS 468A.465. In addition to any other requirements established
27 by rules adopted by the Environmental Quality Commission, the program shall provide that:

28 (a) All forms of new high-efficiency, low air contaminant-emitting heating systems are allowed,
29 except vent-free heating appliances;

30 (b) Any solid fuel burning device removed under the program must be destroyed;

31 (c) Any replacement device selected under the program must be installed in conformance with

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1 building code requirements and the manufacturer's specifications including but not limited to vent-
2 ing specifications; and

3 (d) To be eligible, program participants shall participate in any home energy audit program
4 provided at no charge to the homeowner and shall obtain all information available regarding subsi-
5 dies for cost-effective weatherization. The department shall make the information required in this
6 subsection readily available to program participants.

7 (6) The department may enter into an agreement with a local government or a regional author-
8 ity in order to implement the program established under subsection (5) of this section.

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