

## HB 3094 STAFF MEASURES UMMARY

### House Committee On Human Services and Housing

---

**Action Date:** 03/18/19  
**Action:** Without recommendation as to passage, be referred to Energy and Environment, and then to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
**Vote:** 8-0-1-0  
**Yeas:** 8 - Helt, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Mitchell, Sanchez, Schouten, Williams, Zika  
**Exc:** 1 - Noble  
**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
**Prepared By:** Amie FenderSosa, LPRO Analyst  
**Meeting Dates:** 3/18

---

#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Home Weatherization, Retrofit and Affordability Program for Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) to provide incentive payments to construction contractors undertaking energy improvement projects on residential structures. Requires contractors to reduce property owners' costs by amount of incentive payments received. Reserves moneys for activities promoting healthy, affordable housing environments. Authorizes OHCS to enter into agreements with other units of state government to operate home weatherization programs. Limits program expenditures. Sunsets program January 2, 2023. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment *sine die*.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Moving measure to another committee

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

#### BACKGROUND:

According to Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS), for every weatherization program dollar spent in Oregon counties, up to another \$.83 is generated locally. Labor income is impacted as well; for each dollar spent on employee compensation through county weatherization programs, up to another \$1.43 in labor income is produced within communities. Additionally, each job associated with weatherization programs produces up to another 1.3 jobs locally. Increased household spending from energy savings also stimulates local economies. Dollars that would in most cases be sent to out-of-town utility companies are instead spent on other goods (e.g., rent, food, clothing, and transportation) in residents' own communities. This increased spending results in additional jobs, earnings, and overall economic growth. Every dollar spent because of energy savings yields up to another \$.63 within Oregon counties, and \$.85 statewide.

Economic impacts that may not be captured in local communities are retained at the statewide level, resulting in higher economic impacts across Oregon. Estimates indicate that each weatherization dollar spent, regardless of county, generates up to another \$1.11 within the state. Similarly, each job associated with the weatherization program produces up to another 1.66 jobs across Oregon. (The Oregon Housing and Community Services Executive Summary, *Economic Impacts of Oregon's Low Income Weatherization Program: An Input-Output Analysis*.)

HB 3094 Establishes Home Weatherization, Retrofit and Affordability Program for Oregon Housing and Community Services to provide incentive payments to construction contractors undertaking energy improvement projects on residential structures.