

Overview of Energy Trust of Oregon House Committee on Energy and Environment January 27, 2021





### **About Energy Trust**

- Independent, nonprofit organization
- Mission-driven to bring direct benefits to all utility customers we serve
- 1.7 million customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural, Cascade Natural Gas and Avista
- Support investments in cost-effective energy efficiency and access to renewable energy

# Oversight and Coordination

#### **PUC**

- Grant agreement
- Annual performance measures
- Ex-officio member on board
- Energy Trust reporting to PUC, legislature

#### **Board of Directors**

- 13 voting members, 15 total
- Independent, volunteer, non-stakeholder
- Range of business, customer perspectives
- Statewide representation
- Public meetings
- Advised by 3 councils: Conservation, Diversity and Renewable Energy



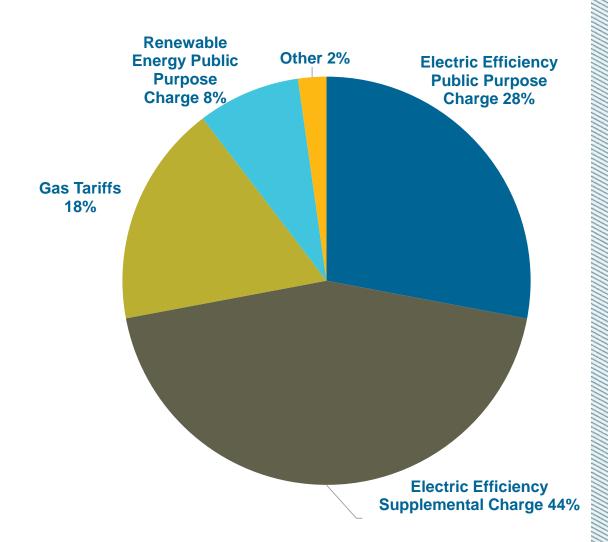
### **Energy Trust Funding**

#### **Public Purpose Charge (SB 1149)**

- Authorizes PUC to direct manner in which public purpose charges are collected and spent by a nongovernmental entity for:
  - New cost-effective energy conservation
  - New market transformation efforts
  - Above-market costs of new renewable energy resources
- Collections originally authorized for 10 years

#### **Supplemental Charge (SB 838)**

- Allows PUC to authorize additional funding for cost-effective energy conservation measures for retail customers using less than 1 aMW
- Revised qualifying renewable energy resources to smaller-scale systems
- Revised collection period through January 1, 2026



#### Results Since 2002

- 783 aMW of electricity saved
- 132 aMW of renewable electricity generated
- Lower energy bills and energy burden for participants—\$3.3 billion in bill savings
- Cleaner air by avoiding 32.7 million tons of carbon dioxide
- 1,900 local businesses in our contractor network employing 12,000 people
- Local investments that keep dollars in our communities



# Programs for All Customers

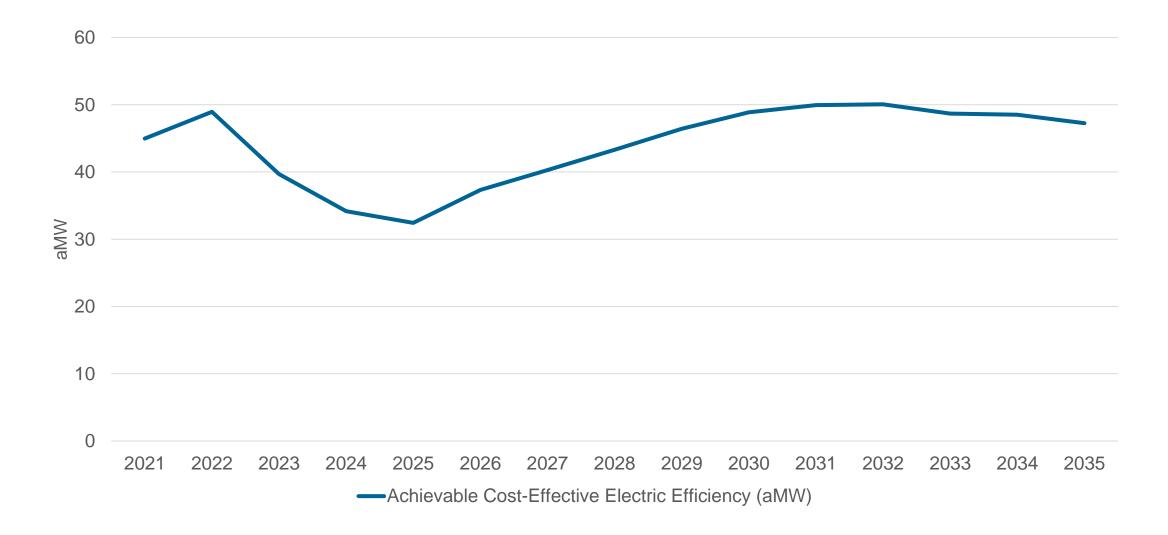








### Future Energy Efficiency Opportunity



# **Emerging Factors Shaping Our Work**

#### COVID-19, economy and wildfires

- Disproportionate impacts on rural Oregonians, households with low incomes and communities of color
- Exacerbating existing inequities such as energy burden
- Highlighting the need to evolve programs to better serve all customers

#### Aligning clean energy investments to deliver additional benefits



Water savings from irrigation, appliances and efficient design



12,000 people employed in our Trade Ally Network



Healthier, more livable homes



Resilient communities can maintain critical operations during natural disasters

#### **Manufactured Homes**





### **Energizing the Next Generation**

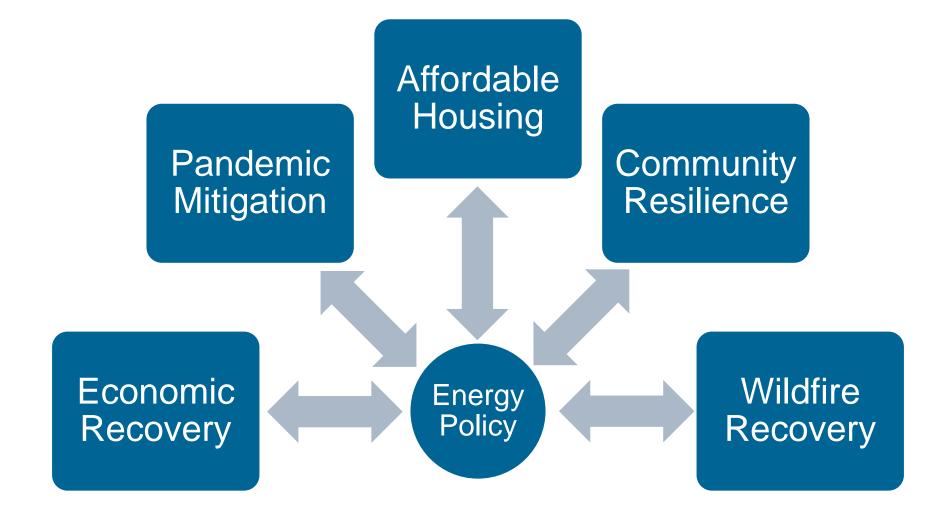


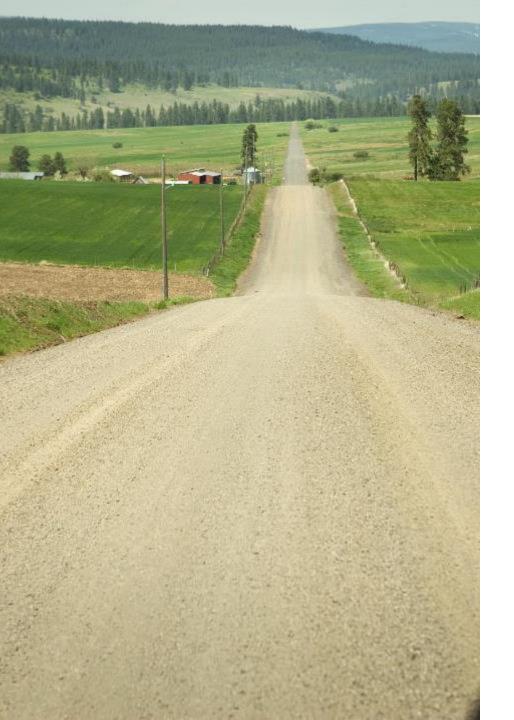


Reynolds School District

Pendleton Early Learning Center

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Needs





#### Thank You

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