

HB 2062 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes energy efficiency standards for certain appliances sold or offered for sale in this state, including commercial dishwashers, fryers, steam cookers, computers, computer monitors, faucets, and showerheads. Removes requirement that certain appliances sold or offered for sale in this state meet state energy efficiency standards. Authorizes Director of State Department of Energy to update the minimum energy efficiency standards or test methods by rule, including any product definitions associated with the standard or test method, if the director determines that the standard or test method needs to be updated to achieve consistency with a comparable standard or test method in a West Coast jurisdiction. Rules adopted under this subsection shall take effect on or after the effective date of a similar standard or test method adopted by a West Coast jurisdiction. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Authorizes Director of State Department of Energy to adopt rules to update the minimum energy efficiency standards or test methods to a more recent version to maintain or improve consistency with other comparable standards in other states. Stipulates that rules adopted under this subsection shall take effect on or after the effective date of a similar standard or test method adopted by another state.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon has designated a number of programs to encourage energy efficiency and conservation. The state appliance efficiency standards program established in 2005 intended to increase energy efficiency in commercial appliances, while the 2013 program established minimum energy efficiency standards for televisions, large battery charger systems, inductive charger systems, small battery charger systems with certain exceptions, and high light output double-ended quartz halogen lamps. The Governor's Executive Order in 2020 further established appliance standards to meet greenhouse gas reduction goals. Northwest Power and Conservation Council estimates that the cumulative energy generated through energy efficiency and improvements since 1978 is enough to meet the energy needs of approximately 5.1 million homes in the Northwest. HB 2062 establishes energy efficiency standards for certain appliances sold or offered for sale in this state. The bill authorizes the Director of the State Department of Energy to update energy efficiency standards by rule.