



Help Oregonians Save on Utility Bills and Reduce Pollution Please Vote YES on House Bill 2062 A

May 18, 2021

Dear Senator,

On behalf of our thousands of members and activists across Oregon, we strongly urge you to vote yes on HB 2062 A, which would codify the Oregon Department of Energy's recently-approved energy efficiency standards for household appliances and products. HB 2062 A provides a win-win opportunity for Oregonians to reduce their personal energy and water consumption and save money on their utility bills— all while helping to transition Oregon to a clean energy economy and cut harmful climate pollution.

Oregon currently lags behind our West Coast neighbors, Washington and California, in energy efficiency standards for appliances, putting Oregonians at a disadvantage. This bill will bring Oregon's standards for 11 products in line with surrounding jurisdictions, helping to ensure Oregon remains competitive with its neighbors in the West Coast marketplace.

Stronger efficiency standards mean significant cost-savings for Oregonians. The Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) has estimated the standards in this bill alone could save Oregon consumers at least \$35 million per year by 2025 and more than \$100 million per year by 2035, just by making sure more efficient products are available when it comes time to replace them.

At the same time, reducing energy consumption means less harmful climate pollution. Initial ODOE staff analysis found updating and establishing appliance efficiency standards could result in annual reductions of nearly 50,000 metric tons of carbon pollution by 2025, and more than 100,000 metric tons of carbon pollution by 2035.

For these reasons, **we respectfully urge you to vote yes on HB 2062 A.**

Sincerely,

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians
Beyond Toxics
Climate Solutions
Community Energy Project
Hacienda CDC
NAACP Eugene-Springfield
New Buildings Institute
NW Energy Coalition
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon League of Conservation Voters (OLCV)
Oregon Wild
Our Climate
Pinos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)
Renew Oregon
Sustainable NW