

February 3, 2020

Representative Marsh, Chair  
Representatives Helm and Brock Smith, Co-Vice Chairs  
Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment  
Oregon State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301



## **Oregon Climate Action Plan coalition support for House Bill 2062**

Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

Today we urge your support for House Bill 2062 to increase the energy efficiency of appliances sold in Oregon, which represents a win-win opportunity to reduce climate pollution and save Oregonians a substantial amount on utility bills.

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 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 Dept. 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 76,500 metric tons of carbon pollution by 2025, and 132,500 metric tons of carbon pollution by 2035 (equivalent to burning 15 million gallons of gasoline).

### **We respectfully urge you to vote yes on HB 2062.**

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

The Oregon Climate Action Plan coalition is a diverse group of organizations advocating for an Oregon Climate Action Plan (executive order 20-04) implementation that maximizes emissions reductions, centers the needs of frontline communities, and ensures an equitable transition to clean energy.