



House Committee on Housing
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

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Dear Chair Fahey and members of the committee,

The Oregon Solar Energy Industries Association (OSEIA) is a trade association founded in 1981 to promote clean, renewable, solar technologies. OSEIA members include businesses, non-profit groups, and other solar industry stakeholders. We provide a unified voice of the solar industry and focus exclusively on the solar value chain; from workforce development to permitting, advocacy, policy, and regulation for manufacturing, residential, commercial, community, and utility scale solar projects on the local, state and regional level.

OSEIA urges your support of HB 2842. For years Oregon supported households that needed energy efficiency or weatherization improvements but when that state support ended, Oregonians left needed repairs unfixed. It is critical that Oregon support energy efficiency and weatherization projects so that Oregonians stay warm, healthy and save money on electricity bills.

OSEIA hopes to see Oregon's housing stock have an increasing number of net zero homes; these homes are super efficient and produce their own solar energy. Increasing efficiency is a necessary step to move Oregonians closer to being energy independent.