

To: Representative Pam Marsh and the House Committee on Energy and Environment

From: Jane Stackhouse

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Re: Testimony in support of HB 2062 - Establishes energy efficiency standards for certain appliances sold or offered for sale in this state

HB 2062 is a winner for Oregon whether we are motivated by money, environmental responsibility, or pride. HB 2062 is a yes vote for any and all of these motivations. I try to avoid pride as a motivator but the hard fact is both California and Washington have adopted similar appliance efficiency standards and, as a proud Oregonian, I am saddened by the number of environmental areas where we are lagging.

Let's talk about money and responsibility. The Department of Energy analysis projects a savings of \$100 million dollars for Oregonians by 2035 if we adopt these new appliance standards. They further expect that these energy efficient appliances will prevent thousands of tons of CO2 being released in the atmosphere each year.

I want to add that this analysis is the aspect of this bill I like the most. We need to evaluate legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by effectiveness and equity. We know from the ODOE analysis how effective this will be.

We have a legislated goal reduce our emissions by at least 31 million metric tons by 2035. These new appliance standards will take care of 132 thousand tons of that without any effort and while saving us money. Granted that 132,000 tons is only point four percent of the total we need to reduce. A drop in the bucket and a start. Therefore, I urge you to pass HB2062 and move on to legislation that will make even bigger impacts on greenhouse gas reductions. The provision in HB2062 to allow the Department of Energy to adopt future efficiency standards by rule as outlined in Section 6 of the bill will allow legislators focus on big emissions reductions by streamlining the process for appliance efficiency standards.