

Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of passage of HB2475.

Oregonians with inadequate income to pay for essential energy are scattered all over Oregon. Essential energy means that amount of electricity necessary to have adequate warmth and hot water to maintain health in winter. Rising temperatures are making cooling necessary. Wildfires and sites of air toxic contamination that make fan driven filters essential for preservation of health is becoming more important.

It is vital that we make it possible for power companies to have lower rates for low income people and distribute the cost widely amongst rate payers.

Please support passage of HB 2475 for essential support for low income Oregonians while we deal with climate change fairly in society.