

Dear President Beyer, Vice President Findley and member of the committee.

My name is Diana Delgado I live in Hillsboro, I'm a leader in my community working with the Hispanic and Latino community.

I'm here in support for House Bill 2475 The Oregon Energy Affordability Act.

During the Winter we can't use the heater not because we don't want to, but because it is expensive. We would use blankets and warm ourselves with extra sweaters.

During the Summer we don't have that Privilege to use the AC to keep our homes cool.

Not using the heater caused my home to get mold on my wall and I ended up with severe allergies that lasted for more than four years.

We felt powerless not being able to afford a \$100 or sometimes \$200 electric bill.

Having more affordable electric bills will have a positive impact in my life.

It will make me feel less stressful about my families health and not worrying about deciding whether to pay my electric bill or use it for food, rent or other bills.

1. Families have share that they have very high electric bills, like \$1,000, \$500 or \$400
2. My mom who lives in a trailer has also had very high bills during the winter of approximately \$500.
3. During COVID 19 our electric bill has increase significant leaving us with debts that are accumulating each month.
4. Our need for electricity has increase while our earning has decrease.

One family share to me that it was very frustrating seeing her kids with red noses and cold arms during the Winter. Her kids beg her to turn on the heater, but due to her economic situation she would just hug them kissed them without giving them explanation.

We need a better system a more secure and fair system where communities don't get to struggle and suffer for not having enough money to pay their electric bills.

Thank you for your time and I hope we can count on your vote for Energy Affordability Act.