



**Testimony in Support of
HB 2062
in front of the Senate Committee on
Energy & Environment
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Chair Beyer, Vice-Chair Findley, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jeff Bissonnette and I am testifying today on behalf of the NW Energy Coalition. The Coalition is the region's broadest alliance of utilities, businesses, advocates and communities who are interested in advancing clean, reliable, affordable, equitable energy policy across the Pacific Northwest.

The Coalition has a long history of being on the forefront advocating for energy efficiency, primarily because it can be the most cost-effective way to save utilities, businesses, and residents energy and money simultaneously. I'd like to focus today on two reasons why we support HB 2062: affordability and innovation.

First, the financial savings associated with these updated standards are considerable. One study found that a restaurant owner replacing commercial fryers, dishwashers, and steam cookers with the updated standards recommended in this bill, could save about \$4,500 per year on electricity, gas, and water bills¹. One can only imagine the total savings amplified statewide in terms of consumer affordability. The bill also saves administrative costs by implementing housekeeping measures to remove from statute those existing standards that have been preempted by federal standards since originally established in Oregon and allowing ODOE limited authority to administratively update already existing standards to be in line with neighboring states.

Secondly, this bill creates a more uniform and effective appliance market across the west coast. Ensuring Oregon's standards don't lag nationally or regionally prevents inefficient, money- and energy-guzzling appliances from being dumped on Oregonians. It ensures Oregon is ripe for the sorts of investments that keep us a competitive player in the national appliance market. We are a national leader on energy efficiency and see the passage of this bill as unfinished business that ensures we maintain this advantage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2062 today. We urge your support for the bill and I'm happy to answer questions.

¹ https://appliance-standards.org/sites/default/files/Food_Service_Equipment_fact_sheet_2.pdf.