



April 27, 2021

Senator Beyer, Chair
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2062-A – SUPPORT

Chair Beyer and Members of the Committee:

Climate Solutions is a regional non-profit working to accelerate clean energy solutions to the climate crisis. Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization working to protect our water, air and land with healthy solutions that work for today and for future generations.

We are writing in support of HB 2062-A, a bill that is good for the climate and for the pocketbooks of Oregonians. The Oregon Department of Energy estimated that the appliance efficiency standards in this bill can - in the year 2025 - result in annual savings of 76,500 metric tons of CO2 and over \$35,000,000 in savings on utility bills. By 2035, the annual greenhouse gas reductions associated with the updated appliance standards would be 132,500 metric tons, and Oregonians would save over \$101,000,000 on their utility bills. At a time when Oregonians are facing multiple crises, not the least of which are the climate and economic crises, **these appliance efficiency standards are a win-win for Oregonians.**

In addition, future periodic updates to appliance efficiency standards will deliver even more benefits. This bill provides ODOE with a clear pathway to make those updates. Unlike many other states, ODOE's updates currently follow an added step of needing approval by the Legislature. Appliance efficiency standards are an ever-evolving area that will continue to require updates as more efficient appliances become available. As a result, ODOE should have a clear pathway to update them. It's been over six years since Oregon's appliance standards were last updated. We cannot afford a gap like that in the future for Oregonians to miss out on needed emissions reductions and cost savings.

Please support HB 2062-A.

Sincerely,

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