



# Oregon Citizens' Utility Board

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**Testimony of Samuel Pastrick  
Regarding HB 2062 - Energy Efficient Appliance Standards  
Before the House Committee on Energy & Environment**

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Brock-Smith and Helm, members of the Committee:

My name is Samuel Pastrick. I'm the Advocacy Manager at Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB). CUB is a membership-based 501(c)3 nonprofit consumer advocacy organization that represents and advocates for the broad interests of residential energy and telecommunications utility customers. I am pleased to submit this testimony in support of HB 2062 because the bill will **save Oregonians money and streamline bureaucracy**.

Oregon is an energy efficiency leader when it comes to energy utility planning. In their most recent assessment, the American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy ranked Oregon among the top ten most energy efficient states for the thirteenth year in a row. This same leadership, however, does not currently extend to codes and standards. Oregon has fallen behind our neighbors to the north and south regarding energy efficiency standards for appliances. HB 2062 would remedy this concern.

Improving energy efficiency standards for appliances and other products saves energy utility customers money. The Appliance Standards Awareness Project estimates that the improved standards contemplated in HB 2062 could save energy utility customers upward of \$30 million per year by 2025 and \$100 million per year by the year 2035<sup>1</sup>.

HB 2062 would also streamline bureaucracy by eliminating standards preempted by the federal government. The bill further ensures administrative authority for the Oregon Department of Energy to update standards and maintain a consistent marketplace across the West Coast. CUB encourages the committee's support and swift movement toward passage.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://appliance-standards.org/sites/default/files/Oregon%20Appliance%20Standards%20Savings%20Report%20%282021%20proposed%20products%29.pdf>