

OREGONIANS NEED EMERGENCY HEAT RELIEF

VOTE YES FOR SB 1536-B

Dear Colleagues,

In the Summer of 2021, Oregon experienced a record heat wave. Many people were made more vulnerable because they did not have access to life-saving, cooling technologies, like air conditioning and heating/cooling pumps. To help protect more families, we must remove barriers to installing these appliances and incentivize the most efficient and effective devices.

SB 1536-B provides \$34 million for emergency heat relief solutions that will keep Oregonians safe next summer: \$5 million for emergency air conditioners, \$25 million for heating and cooling pumps and associated home upgrades, and \$4.5 million for cooling centers. SB 1536-B also provides protections for renters around installing portable air conditioners with sideboards that provide clarity and limit liability for landlords, directs the Department of Energy to study the barriers and opportunities to converting Oregon's older rental housing to include cooling, and requires cooling in new rental housing.

SB 1536-B represents a merged base bill and HB 4058-A, both of which received unanimous policy committee votes and strong bipartisan support in Ways and Means and is the result of countless hours of work by many stakeholders to get things right. SB 1536-B is the kind of emergency policy the short session was intended to address. Every legislative district in Oregon was impacted by the heat wave last summer, and too many Oregonians lost their lives. We must protect Oregonians before the next heat wave with impactful action now!

Sincerely,

The SB 1536-B Coalition Thanks You for Your Support

