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EWEB Supports HB 4058 and Community Cooling Relief

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

The Eugene Water and Electric Board (EWEB) supports HB 4058 which will provide emergency cooling and air-filtration resources to protect vulnerable Oregonians from the impacts of extreme heat or wildfire events that are occurring with greater frequency and intensity. This legislation will provide resources for low-income Oregonians to adopt energy saving technologies such as heat pumps that also provide cooling.

The programs that would be established in HB 4058 would compliment EWEB's existing incentive programs for ducted and ductless heat pumps and EWEB customers would be able to benefit from the new programs created in this bill as well as EWEB's existing incentives. EWEB currently offers an income-based \$3800 ductless/ducted heat pump rebate to owner-occupied residences and \$1000 for rentals, as well as a zero-interest loan option that can be used in conjunction with the rebates. EWEB also has rebates and loan offerings for ducted and ductless heat pumps that all EWEB customers are eligible for.

HB 4058 is a good step towards protecting Oregonians from extreme weather while promoting the adoption of energy efficient heating and cooling and EWEB recommends passage of this legislation.

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