

To members of the Committee and Staff,

I support the bill HB 4058 as introduced. It is critical to climate justice for low and lower-middle income households to have air conditioning or heat pumps installed for their health and safety during extreme heat events or poor air quality events. Heat waves kill more people than any other natural disaster, yet are rarely taken seriously. Oregon has seen how critical the necessity for proper air circulation and air conditioning is during events like the fires last fall and the record heat wave during the summer of 2021. This is an emergency for many people, especially older people and those with medical conditions.

Please support this bill and provide adequate funding to implement it in full.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments,

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