

SB 868 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 3/14, 3/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to study how to build resiliency into buildings. Directs DCBS to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment not later than September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Makes legislative findings. Declares **goals for state**: for residents to install and use at least 500,000 new heat pumps by 2030; provide programs and support to accelerate purchase and use of heat pump technologies; prioritize environmental justice communities and individuals who reside in structures without functional heating or cooling system; evaluate adoption and use of heat pump technologies to determine if adoption rate will enable Oregon to meet greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals; and executive branch agencies lead by example by installing and using heat pumps technologies.

Requires State Department of Energy (ODOE), Housing and Community Services Department, Public Utility Commission, Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Health Authority, and Department of Consumer and Business Services (**Designated Agencies**) to:

- consider GHG emission reduction goals in regulatory decisions;
- align creation and operation of new and existing programs with GHG emission reduction goals;
- identify and develop strategies to reduce or eliminate barriers to purchasing and using appliances with the greatest available energy efficiency;
- prioritize actions that help environmental justice communities adapt to impacts from climate change and overcome cost burdens and other barriers to using energy in way that is efficient and in alignment with GHG emission reduction goals.; and
- consult with the Oregon Global Warming Commission and Environmental Justice Council.

Requires ODOE to submit **heat pump technologies report** that evaluates rate of adoption and progress towards meeting GHG emission reduction goals to Governor and Legislative Committee related to the Environment no later than September 15th of each odd numbered year.

Requires ODOE to collaborate with Designated Agencies to create and operate a program to: serve as one-stop resource and clearinghouse for information related to energy efficiency upgrades, whole home renovations and heat pump technologies; provides education, technical assistance, and training; information concerning available federal and state money and recommends directions for available funding to maximize installation and use of energy efficient technologies; methods, techniques, incentives and funding available for upgrading electrical panels and wiring to accommodate energy efficient appliances. Establishes the **Energy Efficient Technologies Information and Training Fund** (Fund) to be appropriated to ODOE to fund program to provide information, technical assistance and training directed by Act. Prohibits ODOE from expending more than 10 percent of average quarterly balance of Fund to pay program administration costs. Appropriates ____ to the Fund for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023 from the General Fund. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.

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The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) stated mission is to protect and serve Oregon's consumers and workers while supporting a positive business climate. DCBS is Oregon's largest consumer protection and business regulatory agency with work in the following areas: finance (insurance, investments, Oregon-chartered banks and credit unions, consumer finance companies, mortgage lenders, pawnbrokers, payday lenders), workplace health and safety, and building safety.

Senate Bill 868 directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to study how to build resiliency into buildings and to submit findings to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2024.