

HB 3166 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), in consultation with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, to establish: 1) a **whole-home energy savings program** to provide rebates to individual homeowners, multifamily building owners, and aggregators for home energy efficiency retrofits; and 2) a **high-efficiency electric home rebate program** to provide rebates for the purchase and installation of appliances and non-appliance upgrades. Requires ODOE to consult with stakeholders and ensure the program maximizes benefits for applicants by leveraging federal and state resources. Requires ODOE to create a single resource that provides **information and technical assistance** to interested persons on available energy efficiency incentives and programs. Requires ODOE to **coordinate information and data exchanges between federal and state agencies**, private and public utility providers, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers as may be necessary. Authorizes ODOE to contract with a nonprofit or other entity as may be necessary to carry out information and data exchanges. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

- *FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued*
- *REVENUE: No revenue impact*

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ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of federal funding at state level
- Rebate amount
- Eligibility criteria
- Federal Justice40 Initiative

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Establishes that ODOE must consult with consumer-owned utilities and investor-owned utilities. Modifies ODOE's requirements in creating resources related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. Requires entities that exchange, compile, or maintain information or data or that are involved in carrying out information and data exchanges to use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of the information and data as required by federal and state law, including the Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act and ORS 192.355. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

BACKGROUND:

Older buildings are often less energy efficient than newer ones because energy codes have been implemented and made stricter over time. Upgrading older buildings can also be challenging. Housing that has not been retrofitted with energy efficiency upgrades is expensive to heat or outfit with proper filtration. According to the New Buildings Institute, over 85% of Oregon's single-family homes were built before 2000.

House Bill 3166 would require the Oregon Department of Energy, in consultation with the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department, to establish a whole-home energy savings program and a high-efficiency electric home rebate program. The measure would also require ODOE to coordinate information and data exchanges between federal and state agencies, private and public utility providers, and energy efficiency incentive or

program providers.

PRELIMINARY