

SB 868 -3 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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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:

-3 Replaces measure. Makes legislative findings. Declares **goals for state:** for owners, operators, or 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 to help meet state’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals; prioritize environmental justice communities and individuals who reside in structures without functioning, adequate, or affordable heating or cooling system; evaluate adoption and use of heat pump technologies to determine if adoption rate will enable Oregon to meet GHG emission reduction goals; and executive branch agencies to lead by example by acquiring, installing, and using heat pumps technologies. Requires in carrying out “designated state agency programs” (Designated Programs) that relate to promotion, implementation, incentivization, or regulation of energy efficiency in buildings 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**) shall consider actions to aid in achieving GHG emission reduction goals that include:

- consider GHG emission reduction goals in regulatory decisions;
- aligning the creation or operation of Designated Programs with GHG emissions reduction goals;
- working in consultation and aligning efforts with other agencies to simplify and improve program access that relate to energy efficiency and resilience, and where appropriate to reduce or eliminate barriers to accessing energy efficiency measures or appliances that will result in the greatest GHG emission reductions;
- prioritize actions that help environmental justice communities adapt from impacts from climate change and overcome cost burdens consistent with applicable federal and state laws and program requirements; and
- consult with Oregon Global Warming Commission and the Environmental Justice Council, and use when appropriate environmental justice mapping tool.

Requires ODOE to submit **heat pump market 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. Provides minimum requirements for heat pump technologies report.

Requires ODOE to collaborate with Designated Agencies to reduce financial and nonfinancial barriers to home energy efficiency and resilience by: providing initial and continuing **technical assistance and training** to build capacity in developers, builders, community-based organizations, homeowners and tenants to conduct renovations and installations of energy efficient technologies and provide education and training to contractors, subcontractors, technicians, community based organizations and other installers and workers in industries related to construction and energy appliance installation.

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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:

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.