

We respectfully urge you to vote YES on HB 3409

The bipartisan Climate Resilience Package, which includes HB 3409 and HB 3630, will provide essential public services to support vibrant local economies, boost job creation for workers, increase protection from extreme heat, wildfire, and drought, and drive down costs of living for families across Oregon.

The policies in this package were strategically crafted to leverage unprecedented federal investments from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act, and will be vital to harnessing and translating this funding into near-term benefits for Oregon families, workers, and local economies.

By investing nearly \$100 million total for HB 3409 and HB 3630, this package will enable the state to leverage at least 10 times that—<u>\$1 billion</u>—in federal funding to improve the lives and livelihoods of Oregonians across the state.

HB 3409, together with HB 3630, will leverage federal funding to:

- ✓ Strengthen the health and resilience of Oregon's communities, lands, and local economies.
- ✓ Create and sustain local, family-wage jobs in construction, energy, and agriculture.
- ✓ Support rural and natural resource economies through healthier crops, improved water quality, increased drought and wildfire resistance.
- ✓ Drive down the cost of living through increased energy efficiency and lower energy bills.
- ✓ Increase affordable access to renewable energy like solar, storage and microgrids, as well as life-saving cooling technologies like heat pumps to protect Oregonians from extreme heat.
- ✓ Provide rural communities with resources for emergency preparedness and resilience hubs.

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