

I respectfully ask you to **oppose** HB 3152.

We currently have natural gas as our heating and energy source for our home. As home owners we should be able to add to / extend that use to natural gas appliances. All electric is not sustainable, it is only a method to control the population more. People should be allowed to choose their energy source, not the government nor a public commission that wasn't even elected!

This bill will eliminate our option to choose the type of energy we want in our home by eliminating a critical source of funding for the replacement of natural gas appliances. The bill will effectively change the mission of the Energy Trust of Oregon, who delegates these funds to low-income communities, from fuel-agnostic, energy efficiency provider to electric-only by prohibiting ratepayer money from going to fossil fuel efficiency measures.

Natural gas is a critical energy source for many Oregonians and allows us to maintain a quality of life. By eliminating the use of rate payer dollars for line extensions, the legislature is making it harder for natural gas to remain affordable and dependable for many Oregonians - including our most vulnerable communities throughout the state - and displaces hundreds of good quality careers that depend on the industry for jobs.

Lastly, the bill delegates very broad powers to the PUC to do whatever it is they must do to reach climate targets. The PUC is able to do the more robust work needed to properly investigate, justify and implement energy planning proposals. Their role is already well-defined and they do not need any more powers than they already have to reach out climate goals for our great State of Oregon.

Thank you for your time and please vote no on HB 3152 (a bill that threatens energy choice and ignores equitable climate outcomes).