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Support SB 868-871

Testimony:

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee,

My name is Pauline Jackson and I live in Portland. I am a retired computer programmer. I am very concerned about the impacts of climate change on the health of Oregonians, as well as the impacts to future generations. I urge you to support the Resilient Buildings Policy Package consisting of four bills: SB 868 Healthy Heating and Cooling for All SB 869 Build Smart from the Start SB 870 Building Performance Standards SB 871 Smart State Buildings These bills will help homeowners upgrade and retrofit their homes to be more energy efficient and use renewable energy. These bills will upgrade building codes and provide incentives for commercial and public buildings to be more energy efficient and use renewable energy. Last year I sold my condo that had a heat pump, and moved into an apartment of about the same size that had electric radiant heating. For the same average temperature, my electric bill doubled! I am a believer in heat pumps. Eventually I bought a house with a natural gas furnace. I was very concerned about the carbon emissions from this furnace. SB 868 will help me to replace the furnace with a heat pump. The three other bills (SB 869, 870, 871) will reduce climate pollution from commercial buildings, which is needed in order to combat climate change to make a better future for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you,

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