

HB 2567 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure specifies that an eligible entity should use best practices to maintain the security and confidentiality of personal information of individuals who apply for or receive financial assistance from the eligible entity under a heat pump grant program. It extends the residential heat pump rebates and grants to January 2, 2032, and requires ODOE to provide a report to the Legislative Assembly on residential heat pump rebates and grants in each even-numbered year until 2032.

Detailed summary:

SECTION 1

Defines “disadvantaged community” as a community that has a socioeconomic burden and an environmental, climate or other burden. Replaces “environmental justice community” with “disadvantaged community” in statute. Removes specific percentage requirement that an eligible entity can use of awarded Heat Pump Deployment Program grant funds for administrative expenses and marketing costs and directs Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to stipulate allowable percentage in rule. Specifies that an eligible entity should use best practices to maintain the security and confidentiality of personal information of individuals who apply for or receive financial assistance from the eligible entity under the grant program.

SECTION 2

Extends the residential heat pump rebates and grants from January 2, 2026, to January 2, 2032. Repeals reporting requirement on residential heat pump rebates and grants on January 2, 2032.

SECTION 3

Requires ODOE, not later than November 30 of each even-numbered year, to provide a report to the Legislative Assembly on residential heat pump rebates and grants.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Geographic distribution of heat pump program recipients in Oregon
- Outreach efforts of Oregon Department of Energy to potential grant recipients
- Options for using dual-heat systems

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1536 (2022) established the Community Heat Pump Deployment Program, authorizing Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to provide rebates to owners of residential dwelling units and rented spaces in manufactured dwelling and recreational vehicle parks for purchase or installation of air-source or ground-source heat pumps. The measure appropriated \$10,000,000 to ODOE for the Heat Pump Deployment Fund. The

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Residential Heat Pump Fund was scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2025. House Bill 3409 (2023) extended the Residential Heat Pump Fund until January 2, 2026, and modified reporting deadlines for the Heat Pump Deployment Program grants.

PRELIMINARY