

Presentation to the Senate Committee on Housing and  
Development

# OREM cooling centers

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# The OREM approach to all emergencies

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Prepare  
communities; Keep  
people safe in their  
homes



If people must  
leave, give them  
options; coordinate  
support



Support people and  
social service  
organizations  
through long term  
recovery

# Keeping people safe at home

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- Supporting OHA air conditioner and air filtration delivery
- Supporting ODHS efforts to check on licensed facilities and customers during emergencies



# If people must leave their homes

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- SB 762 and SB 1536 warming/cooling/cleaner air grants, Resilience Hubs and Networks grants
- Mass care response team
- Extra hours for home care workers
- Climate trailers
- Transportation RFA
- 211info
- Support to local shelters
  - Security
  - Hygiene kits
  - Food/water
  - Training





# Challenges in preparedness and response

- During widespread emergencies, OREM isn't resourced to help everywhere
- Need capacity to respond to multiple simultaneous emergencies
- Extreme heat often comes with wildfire smoke, possibly public safety power shutoff
- Ideally, homes would have sufficient cooling capabilities





Questions?

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