

HB 3081 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), when providing information, technical assistance, and assistance in identifying contractors and financing options related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs, to provide information in multiple languages, conduct outreach, establish a statewide navigation and support system. It requires ODOE to create a statewide clearinghouse for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs that focus on certain criteria.

Detailed summary:

SECTION 1

Requires the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), when providing information, technical assistance, and assistance in identifying contractors and financing options related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs, to:

- Coordinate with trade organizations, labor organizations, and industry professionals to understand current technologies and programs.
- Ensure that the resource provides all information and assistance in the five most commonly spoken languages in this state other than English.
- Conduct outreach across this state in a culturally accessible manner and prioritize outreach efforts toward households that have participated or are on a wait list to participate in other programs that are primarily focused on assisting households that are low income, energy burdened, multifamily, living in rental housing or at risk of utility service disconnection.
- Develop a preferred contractors list that a person may use to connect with high-quality, preapproved contractors.
- Establish a statewide navigation and support system to assist interested persons to use the resource.

Allows ODOE to contract with multiple nonprofit organizations or entities, as necessary.

SECTION 2

Requires ODOE to create a statewide clearinghouse for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs that focus on:

- Increasing household energy efficiency;
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Reducing utility costs for retail utility customers.

Requires ODOE to the greatest extent possible to follow certain criteria when creating the statewide clearinghouse. Requires ODOE to coordinate with and encourage local governments, federal and state agencies, private and public utility providers, and energy and energy efficiency incentive or program providers to participate in the statewide clearinghouse. Requires ODOE and entities that are involved in carrying out the statewide clearinghouse to use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of the information and data as required by federal and state law.

- *FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued*

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- *REVENUE: No revenue impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment modifies the Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) requirements for providing information, technical assistance, and assistance in identifying contractors and financing options related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. It modifies ODOE's requirements for creating a statewide clearinghouse for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs.

Detailed summary:

Modifies the Oregon Department of Energy's (ODOE) requirements for providing information, technical assistance, and assistance in identifying contractors and financing options related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. Modifies ODOE's requirements for creating a statewide clearinghouse for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs. Requires ODOE to work with the Oregon Department of Revenue and other state agencies to establish automatic income verification for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs participating in the statewide clearinghouse.

- *FISCAL: Fiscal impact statement issued*
- *REVENUE: No revenue impact*

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3166 (2023) required the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to create a single resource that provides to interested persons information, technical assistance, and assistance in identifying contractors and financing options, related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs. It required ODOE to coordinate information and data exchanges between federal and state agencies, private and public utility providers, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers as necessary and authorized the agency to contract with a single nonprofit or other entity as necessary to carry out information and data exchanges. The act required entities that exchange, compile, or maintain information or data to use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of the information and data as required by federal and state law.