

## HB 3081 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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**Action Date:** 04/08/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.  
(Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 12-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 12 - Andersen, Edwards, Gamba, Helm, Levy B, Levy E, Lively, Marsh, Neron, Osborne, Owens, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/4, 4/8

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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, and 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 resources are available in English and Spanish, translation services are available, and, as requested, materials are available in other languages.
- Conduct outreach across the 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.
- Share and maintain lists of preferred contractors that a person may use to connect with high quality, preapproved contractors.
- Establish a statewide navigation and support system that uses natural persons to assist interested persons in using the single resource.
- Work with the nongovernmental entity that administers public purpose charge moneys, consumer-owned utilities, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers to carry out certain activities.

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:

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- increasing household energy efficiency,
- reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and
- reducing utility costs for retail utility customers.

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. 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.

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of measure
- Role in access to information and programs to potentially reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Supporting role of incentive programs in facilitating job creation
- Timelines for implementing Act

### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

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.

### **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.