HB 2567 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Action Date: 04/21/25

Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Golden, Pham, Robinson, Smith DB, Sollman

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 4/16, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure modifies components of the Heat Pump Deployment Program by revising eligibility criteria, funding distribution, and rebate structures.

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.
- Authorizes ODOE to award additional grant moneys to eligible entity using the existing performance agreements if additional funds become available in the Heat Pump Deployment Fund.
- 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.

SECTIONS 2 - 3

- Allows the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) to provide an incentive amount, not to exceed \$1,000, that
 is in addition to the amount of a Residential Heat Pump Rebate as an incentive for contractors to install
 air-source or ground-source heat pumps in rural or frontier communities.
- Requires ODOE to establish the incentive amount and allows ODOE to establish different incentive amounts for rural communities and frontier communities.
- Allows contractors that install a heat pump for the owner of a residential dwelling unit that is located in a rural or frontier community under rules adopted by ODOE to claim a rebate if they meet all requirements.
- Allows contractors to claim one incentive for each installation that the contractor claims a rebate. Requires incentives for contractors to be made from moneys in the Residential Heat Pump Fund.

SECTION 4

Allows no more than five percent of the moneys available for issuing grants and rebate from the Residential Heat Pump Fund in each calendar year be reserved or used to provide contractor incentives.

SECTION 5

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 6

Carrier: Sen. Pham

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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Heat Pump Deployment Program operations
- Geographic distribution of heat pump program recipients in Oregon
- Outreach efforts to contractors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment authorizes Oregon Department of Energy to award additional grant moneys to an eligible entity using the existing performance agreements if additional funds become available in the Heat Pump Deployment Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 1536 (2022) established the Oregon Rental Home Heat Pump Program and 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 Residential Heat Pump Fund (Fund). The Fund was scheduled to sunset on January 2, 2025. House Bill 3409 (2023) extended the Fund until January 2, 2026, and modified reporting deadlines for the heat pump deployment program grants.