

## HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 3081

By COMMITTEE ON CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 25 and delete pages 2 and 3 and insert:

2 “**SECTION 1.** ORS 469.161 is amended to read:

3 “469.161. (1) The State Department of Energy shall create a single resource that provides to  
4 interested persons information, technical assistance and assistance in identifying contractors and  
5 financing options, related to available energy efficiency incentives and programs.

6 “(2) The department shall:

7 “(a) Coordinate information and data exchanges between federal and state agencies, private and  
8 public utility providers, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers as may be necessary  
9 to:

10 “[*a*] (A) Create and maintain the single resource described under subsection (1) of this section;  
11 and

12 “[*b*] (B) Support the implementation and reporting requirements of available energy efficiency  
13 incentives and programs.

14 “(b) **Coordinate with trade organizations, labor organizations and industry professionals  
15 to understand current technologies and programs.**

16 “(c) **Ensure that resources are available in English and Spanish, translation services are  
17 available and, as requested, materials are available in a different language.**

18 “(d) **Conduct outreach across this state in a culturally accessible manner using re-  
19 sources, as needed, for non-English speakers, and prioritize outreach efforts toward house-  
20 holds that have participated or are on a wait list to participate in other programs that are  
21 primarily focused on assisting households that are low income, energy burdened, multifamily,  
22 living in rental housing or at risk of utility service disconnection. The department shall in-  
23 corporate targeted education opportunities to provide information on:**

24 “(A) **The resources and options that are available;**

25 “(B) **How energy and energy efficiency technologies work;**

26 “(C) **Financial costs and benefits; and**

27 “(D) **Maintenance, upkeep and repair.**

28 “(e) **Share and maintain lists of preferred contractors that a person may use to connect  
29 with high quality, preapproved contractors. The department may identify and share gaps  
30 between existing lists of preferred contractors, such as geographic, trade or service gaps.**

31 “(f) **Establish a statewide navigation and support system that uses natural persons to  
32 assist interested persons in using the single resource described under subsection (1) of this  
33 section.**

34 “(g) **Work with the nongovernmental entity that administers public purpose charge  
35 moneys collected under ORS 757.612 (3)(d), consumer-owned utilities, as defined in ORS**

1 469A.005, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers to identify and address gaps  
2 and overlaps between programs.

3 “(h) Work with the nongovernmental entity that administers public purpose charge  
4 moneys collected under ORS 757.612 (3)(d), consumer-owned utilities, as defined in ORS  
5 469A.005, and energy efficiency incentive or program providers to provide training and in-  
6 formation about incentives to help energy efficiency incentive or program providers connect  
7 customers with incentives.

8 “(3) The department may contract with [*a nonprofit*] **nonprofit organizations** or other [*entity*]  
9 **entities** as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

10 “(4) Entities that exchange, compile or maintain information or data under this section or that  
11 are involved in carrying out the provisions of this section shall use best practices to maintain the  
12 confidentiality and security of the information and data as required by federal and state law, in-  
13 cluding the Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act and ORS 192.355.

14 “**SECTION 2.** (1) **The State Department of Energy shall create a statewide clearinghouse**  
15 **for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs that focus on:**

16 “(a) **Increasing household energy efficiency;**

17 “(b) **Reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and**

18 “(c) **Reducing utility costs for retail utility customers.**

19 “(2) **Under the statewide clearinghouse, the department shall, to the greatest extent**  
20 **possible:**

21 “(a) **Develop a single, universal application form and application process that can be used**  
22 **to apply for all energy and energy efficiency incentive programs participating in the state-**  
23 **wide clearinghouse;**

24 “(b) **Work with the Department of Revenue and other state agencies to establish auto-**  
25 **matic income verification for energy and energy efficiency incentive programs participating**  
26 **in the statewide clearinghouse; and**

27 “(c) **Support consumer energy audits and consultations that use a whole-home approach**  
28 **to identify cost-effective home upgrades, and match a home energy project with all available**  
29 **funding sources, including utility bill financing and other lending products.**

30 “(3) **The State Department of Energy shall coordinate with and encourage local govern-**  
31 **ments, federal and state agencies, private and public utility providers, and energy and energy**  
32 **efficiency incentive or program providers to participate in the statewide clearinghouse.**

33 “(4) **The department and entities that are involved in carrying out the provisions of this**  
34 **section shall use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security of the informa-**  
35 **tion and data as required by federal and state law, including the Oregon Consumer Infor-**  
36 **mation Protection Act and ORS 192.355.”**

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