

Requested by Representative LEVY E

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 3081**

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

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

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

8 “(2) The department shall:

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

12 “[a] **(A)** Create and maintain the single resource described under sub-
13 section (1) of this section; and

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

16 **“(b) Coordinate with trade organizations, labor organizations and
17 industry professionals to understand current technologies and pro-
18 grams.**

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

1 “(d) Conduct outreach across this state in a culturally accessible
2 manner using resources, as needed, for non-English speakers, and
3 prioritize outreach efforts toward households that have participated
4 or are on a wait list to participate in other programs that are prima-
5 rily focused on assisting households that are low income, energy bur-
6 dened, multifamily, living in rental housing or at risk of utility service
7 disconnection. The department shall incorporate targeted education
8 opportunities to provide information on:

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

10 “(B) How energy and energy efficiency technologies work;

11 “(C) Financial costs and benefits; and

12 “(D) Maintenance, upkeep and repair.

13 “(e) Share and maintain lists of preferred contractors that a person
14 may use to connect with high quality, preapproved contractors. The
15 department may identify and share gaps between existing lists of pre-
16 ferred contractors, such as geographic, trade or service gaps.

17 “(f) Establish a statewide navigation and support system that uses
18 natural persons to assist interested persons in using the single re-
19 source described under subsection (1) of this section.

20 “(g) Work with the nongovernmental entity that administers public
21 purpose charge moneys collected under ORS 757.612 (3)(d), consumer-
22 owned utilities, as defined in ORS 469A.005, and energy efficiency in-
23 centive or program providers to identify and address gaps and overlaps
24 between programs.

25 “(h) Work with the nongovernmental entity that administers public
26 purpose charge moneys collected under ORS 757.612 (3)(d), consumer-
27 owned utilities, as defined in ORS 469A.005, and energy efficiency in-
28 centive or program providers to provide training and information
29 about incentives to help energy efficiency incentive or program pro-
30 viders connect customers with incentives.

1 “(3) The department may contract with [*a nonprofit*] **nonprofit organ-**
2 **izations** or other [*entity*] **entities** as may be necessary to carry out the
3 provisions of this section.

4 “(4) Entities that exchange, compile or maintain information or data un-
5 der this section or that are involved in carrying out the provisions of this
6 section shall use best practices to maintain the confidentiality and security
7 of the information and data as required by federal and state law, including
8 the Oregon Consumer Information Protection Act and ORS 192.355.

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

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

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

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

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

17 **“(a) Develop a single, universal application form and application**
18 **process that can be used to apply for all energy and energy efficiency**
19 **incentive programs participating in the statewide clearinghouse;**

20 **“(b) Work with the Department of Revenue and other state agencies**
21 **to establish automatic income verification for energy and energy effi-**
22 **ciency incentive programs participating in the statewide clearing-**
23 **house; and**

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

28 **“(3) The State Department of Energy shall coordinate with and en-**
29 **courage local governments, federal and state agencies, private and**
30 **public utility providers, and energy and energy efficiency incentive or**

1 **program providers to participate in the statewide clearinghouse.**

2 **“(4) The department and entities that are involved in carrying out**
3 **the provisions of this section shall use best practices to maintain the**
4 **confidentiality and security of the information and data as required**
5 **by federal and state law, including the Oregon Consumer Information**
6 **Protection Act and ORS 192.355.”.**

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