



February 10, 2025

Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair Levy, and Committee Members,

On behalf of Building Potential (formerly the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council), I am writing to express our strong support for the Oregon Department of Energy (SB 5518) and to urge you to approve the department's proposed budget.

As a representative of the regional building efficiency and decarbonization industry, we greatly appreciate the leadership of Director Janine Benner and are excited about the agency's strategic direction. The department has been effectively managing the development of the statewide building performance standard program, overseeing the rulemakings to establish compliance processes and rules for both Tier 1 and Tier 2 buildings. They have done an excellent job ensuring a thoughtful and well-structured approach to implementation.

With buildings playing an increasingly critical role in overall energy management, it is essential that Oregon invests in a well-staffed and well-resourced Department of Energy. The budget put forth by the Oregon Department of Energy is a responsible and accurate reflection of the funding necessary for the department to successfully carry out its mission and continue its important work.

We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Meade".

Kerry Meade  
Executive Director,  
Building Potential