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House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland, I am writing to express our strong support for HB 2567.

The City of Portland has adopted goals and commitments towards decarbonization and climate action, including the current Portland Climate Emergency Workplan, and previous Climate Action Plans. Addressing energy use in homes is a key strategy towards meeting climate goals, increasing comfort, and reducing energy costs.

Deployment of heat pumps provides an efficient way to meet home heating and cooling needs without use of fossil fuels, and is increasingly important given extreme weather that the region has seen due to climate change. The Oregon Heat Pump Deployment program has been a popular and effective tool to help homeowners who could not otherwise afford to install this equipment.

Through the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund (PCEF), community organizations in Portland have engaged in direct installation of heat pumps, community education about home energy solutions, and workforce development to install heat pumps. The Heat Pump Deployment Program managed by Oregon Department of Energy is complimentary to our PCEF efforts, and allows greater combined investment in homes for energy efficiency upgrades, with greater reach in the community. It also provides an important incentive and resource statewide where there are fewer resources, and the program has been designed with an equitable allocation throughout different regions.

HB 2567 extends the Heat Pump Deployment program beyond the current 2026 sunset, harmonizes some of the language regarding prioritization, and provides greater flexibility in program administration. All of these changes will help make for a more sustainable, effective program to serve Oregonians.



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Extending the sunset on this important heat pump program until 2032 will allow continued deployment throughout the state to support making homes more comfortable, energy efficient, and safer, especially for those who cannot afford the up-front costs of this technology.

For these reasons, the City of Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability urges your support of HB 2567.

Thank you,



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