

To House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment Support for HB 3081 - One Stop Shop 2.0

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Chair Lively, Vice-chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the committee,

My name is Dr. Pat DeLaquil. I am an energy system modeler and climate policy analyst, and I organize with MCAT (Mobilizing Climate Action Together), a community of volunteers working on advancing a healthy climate and a green economy for future generations.

In 2023, the legislature passed HB 3166, which authorized ODOE to create a single, on-line resource that provides information and technical assistance on available energy efficiency incentives and programs. The result was a comprehensive website (“one stop shop”) containing information on all the different types of incentives available from the state, federal programs, utilities and other.

Unfortunately, **finding and applying for incentives and rebates** for the wide range of weatherization and energy efficiency options, such as improved insulation, sturdier doors and windows, efficient heat pumps, and clean electric cooking **can be a challenge**. Many of these programs have different rules and requirements that can be complex and overwhelming to navigate. **One Stop Shop 2.0 (HB 3081)** aims to offer live support to help users navigate the many available upgrades and rebates.

Inefficient homes lead to higher energy bills making it harder for families who are already struggling to stay in their homes. A utility bill that cost \$100 a month four years ago, is now \$150 or more, adding up to hundreds of dollars each year. On top of these cost challenges, Oregonians are also struggling to adapt to climate driven extreme weather and disasters.

HB 3081 is a small investment for the benefits that it will provide by helping busy people to easily access the benefits available from the many and sometimes overlapping federal, state, local, and utility programs. Every Oregonian should have access to life-changing home upgrades that lower energy bills, improve health, and protect them from extreme heat and wildfire smoke.

In addition, these incentives create good-paying jobs in our local communities by **making it easier for people to invest in climate resilience**. With One Stop Shop 2.0, we can help people afford the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable system that **benefits everyone – from families struggling to make ends meet to workers providing clean energy equipment and services**.

For all these reasons, I respectfully urge your support of HB 3081.

Thank you for listening.

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