

Submitter: Gordon Molitor  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3081

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gordon Molitor. I live in Portland and I am writing in support of HB 3081 because Oregonians need more support navigating hundreds of available energy efficiency upgrades and rebates.

Over the past 15 years or so, I have improved the energy efficiency of my home and converted to 100% percent electricity. I have weatherized my home; added solar power; converted my natural gas furnace, cookstove and waterheater to electricity and purchased an electric vehicle. As a result of these changes, my home is more comfortable, healthy and energy efficient.

For many of these upgrades, I was able to take advantage of certain state and federal incentives. In addition to a good deal of my own research, I am appreciative of the outreach and education related to these changes provided by the Energy Trust and Solar Oregon. I might have been able to take advantage of other incentives; and, my efforts would have been easier, had the DOE's Energy Hub For Incentive Programs and Projects in Oregon been available -- even easier had the One Stop Shop 2.0 proposed in HB 3081 been functioning.

I support HB 3081 because:

Oregon needs to improve the energy efficiency of its housing stock. The State has a large number of often-confusing, federal, state, and utility incentives to help finance life-changing home upgrades.

I think every Oregonian should have access to these upgrades and that we should make it easier for people from all parts of the state and all income groups to make their homes more comfortable and healthy.

Oregonians could use some help navigating hundreds of different incentives and cash rebates for housing upgrades like energy-efficient heat pumps, better insulation, and sturdier doors and windows. One Stop Shop 1.0 (aka HIPPO) was created to collect all federal, state, utility, and local programs in one place. It's time to turn this passive search tool into an active helping hand.

I think The Energy Trust and Solar Oregon are a great help to Oregonian's making these important changes. Unfortunately, their efforts are focused in the metropolitan area. Stronger outreach, especially to the rural areas, is needed. One Stop Shop 2.0 aims to offer live support to help users navigate the hundreds of available upgrades and rebates.

I urge you to support HB 3081.

Sincerely,  
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