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Re: Rogue Climate Testimony regarding HB 3081

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3081: Relating to energy.

Rogue Climate serves and works alongside Southern Oregon and South Coast communities most impacted by climate change, including low-income, rural, youth, and communities of color, by organizing for clean energy, sustainable jobs, and a healthy environment. We do so through leadership development, political education, and campaigns for policies that benefit our communities.

The increasing prevalence of extreme weather events further burdens community members in Southern Oregon and the South Coast, underscoring the need for energy affordability and resilience as climate change impacts continue. Increasing the energy efficiency of homes leads to lower monthly bills and more comfortable conditions during extreme heat and cold. With the increasing demand for energy efficiency and lower energy burdens, there are numerous incentives and opportunities for clients to explore, but this also leads to a high volume of questions and confusion that can't always be addressed by the current One-Stop Shop resource created in the 2023 legislature.

The One-Stop Shop site is currently beneficial because it clearly indicates what incentives community members qualify for. However, there is a lack of a support system that helps community members navigate the applications, connect to trusted contractors, and answer questions throughout the process until the upgrades are done. As the service provider for the Community Heat Pump Deployment Program in Jackson County, we are constantly fielding questions from community members about other available energy efficiency incentives. In the past five months, we have installed heat pumps in 29 single-family homes in designated environmental justice communities. However, the need continues to outweigh available resources, with the waitlist for our CHPDP program currently at 54 single-family homeowners and growing daily. The One-Stop Shop, once revamped through HB 3081 to add a support system, will significantly improve not only the experience for community members but also reduce the strain on organizations carrying out energy efficiency program work.

Overall, it is critical to have support available for community members who want to lower their bills and increase energy resilience, easing the tension they may feel when trying to get guidance or additional support finding and applying for incentives. By enhancing the platform and adding a support system, we can further empower individuals and give them access to more resources. The greater the number of resources available, the more informed and confident clients will be when making decisions about the energy efficiency programs



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that work for them.

We urge you to vote in support of HB 3081.

Sincerely,

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