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Dear Chair Lively and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

**350PDX strongly supports HB 3081** to help people navigate and afford the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable energy system that benefits everyone. We urge you to pass this bill out of Committee.

For over a decade, <u>350PDX</u> has been building a movement for climate justice in the greater Portland metro area. We have hundreds of active volunteers with a base of thousands, all who support our work to fight for just solutions to the climate crisis.

Nearly half of Oregon's homes and apartments were constructed before 1980, making them highly energy inefficient and in need of upgrades. Many frontline communities—including people of color, low-income families, individuals with disabilities, and rural residents—often lack the financial resources to make these necessary improvements without assistance. There are thankfully numerous opportunities for Oregonians to enhance their homes and buildings to improve health, reduce costs, lower pollution, and increase resilience. However, accessing and applying for these rebates and incentives for energy-efficient heat pumps, better insulation and weatherization, and clean electric cooking can be confusing and difficult, due to each having separate programs, processes, and eligibility requirements. Navigating this is simply overwhelming and inaccessible.

One Stop Shop 2.0 (HB 3081) is designed to provide live, personalized assistance to help individuals access these upgrades and rebates. Through this program, Oregonians will receive direct support from local experts to identify the programs they qualify for, connect with reliable contractors, and get their questions answered.

All Oregonians should have the ability to make vital home improvements that lower energy costs, enhance well-being, and provide protection from extreme heat and wildfire smoke. It is crucial that we remove barriers so people of all income levels and abilities can stay in their homes and strengthen Oregon's overall housing resilience.

By streamlining access to home upgrades, we can create well-paying jobs in the clean energy sector while supporting communities that are disproportionately impacted by climate change. **HB 3081 will** make it easier for people to afford these improvements, enabling a transition to a cleaner, more sustainable future that benefits both workers in clean energy and families striving to make ends meet. Please support this important bill.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this issue.

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