

March 4, 2025

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Subject: City of Milwaukie support HB 3081


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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of HB 3081**. The City of Milwaukie is committed to advancing climate actions that affordably improve the energy-efficiency of buildings and homes. As Milwaukie residents and Oregonians struggle under the drastic increases to utility bills, we need to take action to provide residents with the resources they need to lower their bills through energy efficiency.

Milwaukie is utilizing all the state and federal assistance programs to increase efficiency and reduce bills for residents. Over the next 6 months, the city is partnering with Community Energy Project to install 20 single-family heat pumps in homes without heat and limited insulation. While this initiative will provide tremendous relief, there are countless deserving families that are left without an accessible solution to lower their bills through energy efficiency. However, finding and navigating the incentives and rebates for efficient heat pumps, improved insulation, sturdier doors and windows, and clean electric cooking is an ongoing challenge. We must make it easier for people of all incomes and abilities to stay in their homes and make housing resilient. HB 3081 aims to offer live support to help users navigate the many available upgrades and rebates.

We appreciate your consideration of our input and ask for your support of HB 3081.

Sincerely,



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