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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 3081. I write in SUPPORT of the bill.

I am Professor (emeritus) of Chemistry at Portland State University and author of the climate change science/policy text for laypersons titled From Knowledge to Power, which has been widely circulated in Oregon.

This legislation is broadly beneficial to supporting Oregon's ability to meet its clean energy and climate targets. It would ask DOE to expand its existing single-resource directory of energy efficiency and incentives programs and, in so doing, make it easier for Oregon residents to understand and access available programs that can benefit them financially.

Of particular value are the bill's provisions to cross-check an applicant's eligibility among programs, maintain lists of households that qualify for means-tested benefits, support consumer energy consultations with a whole-home approach, and establish a list of qualifying appliance models across the incentive programs.

It is also helpful that the bill requires ODOE to include other local, state and federal governments as participants in the program, coordinating access by utilities and outside providers of energy services.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB 3081.