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Chair Sollman and members of the Committee,  
My name is Brian Ettl. I live in outer NE Portland. For 25 years, I worked as a seasonal park ranger at Crater Lake National Park. Sadly, while working at this international treasure, I saw the impacts of climate change there with a diminishing average annual snowpack and more intense wildfire seasons during th summer. I became so worried about climate change that I quit the job I loved in 2017 and became a volunteer climate organizer. In recent years, I volunteer with OLCV (Oregon League of Conservation Voters), MCAT (Mobilizing for Climate Action Together), the Climate Reality Project Portland Chapter, and 350PDX. All of these organizations support the "One Stop Shop 2.0" HB 3081.

Because I volunteer for climate action, my wife and I are basically a one income household at this time. Thus, we are sensitive to the rising costs of utility bills which we have basically seen to almost double in recent years for our small apartment. We are not the only ones though. So many Oregonians have seen an increase in their utility bills putting them at even more financial risk and hardship than even my wife and I. Even more troubling is that high energy costs make us less resilient to climate disasters like extreme heat waves, wildfire smoke events, and arctic storms. When fear of a high energy bill forces the most vulnerable Oregonians to switch off cooling in the summer or heating in the winter, that's not resilience.

I still don't feel like I know much about weatherization and making my apartment more energy efficient. There's a lot of confusing and overwhelming information out there. The good news is that there's never been more financial help for Oregonians to upgrade their homes and building for better health, lower costs, less pollution, and higher resilience. Yet, finding and applying for all the incentives and rebates for efficient heat pump, improved insulation, sturdier doors and windows, and clean electric cooking can be a challenge.

Let's help Oregonians such as working parents and seniors, juggling all of life's obligations, to have an opportunity to put in their basic information into Oregon's incentive "One Stop Shop" website and receive a list of assistance available in one simple readout. That system is close to be nearly up and running. Let's get this system into gear to not only provide all the information they need, and then a supportive system to kick into gear ready to help the busy parent or overwhelmed senior to navigate the applications, connect to trusted contractors, and answer questions throughout the process until the upgrades are done! This will help our

state, especially these parents and seniors, to lower their utility bills, breath healthier air, and achieve better comfort for their home, with all the help they need from start to finish. That's the goal of this One Stop Shop 2.0.

Thank you for allowing me to share these thoughts with you.

Please consider supporting this bill.