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Testimony in Support of House Bill 3081 – One Stop Shop 2.0 Monique E. Torres
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Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today. My name is Monique E. Torres, and I am here as a concerned citizen to express my strong support for House Bill 3081, also known as One Stop Shop 2.0. This bill is a necessary and practical step toward ensuring that all Oregonians, regardless of language, background, or access to resources, can easily navigate the energy efficiency programs and incentives available to them.

Why House Bill 3081 is Essential: Streamlining Access to Energy Efficiency Programs

Many residents and businesses struggle to navigate the complex landscape of energy efficiency incentives. By requiring the State Department of Energy to coordinate with relevant organizations and establish a statewide navigation and support system, this bill ensures that accessing clean energy incentives is simple, transparent, and effective.

Promoting Equity Through Multilingual Support

One of the greatest barriers to participation in energy programs is the lack of accessible information in multiple languages. By making resources available in various languages, HB 3081 removes linguistic and cultural barriers, allowing all communities to benefit from cost-saving energy efficiency measures. Enhancing Outreach and Awareness

Even when programs exist, many households and businesses remain unaware of the benefits they provide. This bill ensures proactive outreach to increase participation, particularly among low-income and underserved communities that stand to benefit the most.

Boosting Energy Savings and Sustainability

Simplifying access to energy efficiency programs helps reduce energy consumption,

lower utility bills, and support Oregon's climate goals. More participation means greater energy savings statewide, benefitting both residents and the environment. Creating a Single, Reliable Resource for Energy Assistance

Right now, energy incentive programs are fragmented across different agencies and organizations. This bill creates a centralized, user-friendly resource to ensure Oregonians receive clear, accurate, and up-to-date information on available programs.

House Bill 3081 is a common-sense solution to make energy efficiency programs more accessible, equitable, and effective. It ensures that every Oregonian—regardless of language, background, or income—can benefit from clean energy incentives without unnecessary confusion or barriers.

I strongly urge the committee to support HB 3081 and move it forward for passage. Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.

Monique E. Torres Concerned Citizen