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Chair John Lively
Vice-Chair Mark Gamba
Vice-Chair Bobby Levy
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

On behalf of the LOC, I am pleased to offer our strong support for House Bill 3081 – One Stop Shop 2.0. The LOC represents 241 diverse and unique cities across Oregon that support actions to maintain affordable and reliable energy resources and build resilient communities.

Cities, like many Oregonians, struggle to navigate the myriads of incentive programs designed to reduce energy costs and meet our stated priorities. Programs that increase energy efficiency, provide rebates for resiliency, or transition to more efficient heating and cooling mechanisms to name a few are challenging to navigate. Understanding the complexity of varying incentive programs that have different rules and requirements is complex and can be overwhelming to navigate. Layering on top of that the busy lives that Oregonians lead reduces access to these programs for Oregonians who need it most.

The One Stop Shop 2.0 aims to offer Oregonians with direct support to make home energy upgrades more affordable while also fostering job creation across the state. When Oregonians are able to invest in energy efficiency for their homes or new projects that provide more resiliency, they are able to save more money on their energy bills. With growing energy demands, more energy efficiency work can reduce the overall demand thus reducing the need for more expensive projects that raise utility rates.

We cannot expect most people to have the time, resources, or expertise to navigate these programs, know how to apply, and who to contract with. Research has shown that local support has had the greatest results in getting people to participate. It's vital that we take this next step in enhancing the One Stop Shop program so that Oregonians know where they can go to find what can help their household save money and transition away from old technologies.

The LOC strongly urges this committee to support and pass HB 3081 so that we can turn this tool into something that is easy to navigate and understand for every Oregonian. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nolan Pleše



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