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Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing today in support of HB 3081, which allows Oregonians access to live assistance with resources regarding energy efficiency upgrades and incentive programs.

My constituents in Central Oregon have expressed their frustration and worry regarding increasing utility bills, especially as they continue to experience extreme weather events such as heat waves and ice storms. Sustainable options and resources are out there, and as legislators, we must ensure our constituents can easily access and understand them. HB 3081 expands Oregon's 2023 One Stop Shop bill, (HB 3630) now referred to as the Hub for Incentive Programs + Projects in Oregon, or HIPPO, and empowers homeowners and renters to make educated decisions to lower their utility rates and overall carbon footprint.

For homeowners and renters, the options to improve their energy efficiency can be costly, time-consuming, and confusing. As we continue to decarbonize our state and find solutions to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, we must be supporting and incentivizing Oregonians towards making these changes in their own homes.

This bill has a specific focus on our vulnerable communities here in Oregon, such as low-income neighborhoods, children and families, residents in older buildings, rural dwellers, and the elderly. We must ensure the Oregon Department of Energy is presenting this information in region-specific ways to reach as many people as possible. Resources will be in coordination with non-profit organizations, many of which are on the frontlines working with marginalized communities and hearing directly from those struggling with energy efficiency. Through this legislation we can expand the clean energy workforce, improve public health, and ensure people are living in safe environments.

We must act now to enhance Oregon's energy resiliency. Please join me in supporting HB 3081 to expand Oregonians' access to vital energy efficiency opportunities.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Levy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "E" being large and prominent.

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