

March 6, 2025

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Subject: Support HB 3081

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee,

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR) is an organization of over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working to address the gravest threats to human health and survival. Homes are the first line of defense against the climate crisis. For this reason, Oregon PSR is submitting testimony in support of HB 3081 (One Stop Shop 2.0). This bill assists Oregonians interested in the rebates and incentives available to upgrade their homes and buildings for better health, lower costs, less pollution, and higher resilience.

Efficient heat pumps, improved insulation, and sturdier doors and windows are examples of the home upgrades Oregonians can make with the help of the incentives, programs, and rebates available. These measures help protect Oregonians from the impacts associated with climate change-driven health risks and provide a range of health benefits. The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) notes that

“Poorly sealed building envelopes allow pests, moisture, and air pollution to infiltrate, which can harm respiratory health through pest allergies, mold growth, and lung disease. Leaky windows, faulty HVAC systems, and poor insulation can lead to cold drafts and extreme home temperatures during summer and winter months. This can trigger heat-related illnesses and asthma attacks, as well as exacerbate other respiratory illnesses.”<sup>1</sup>

Suffice it to say, home upgrades result in improved health outcomes. However, accessing these life-saving resources is often complex and overwhelming due to the various rules and requirements. One Stop Shop 2.0 solves this problem by providing live support for users to navigate the many incentives and rebates offered. A streamlined and accessible navigation process would make it easier for Oregonians to receive home upgrades that lower energy bills,

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<sup>1</sup> Dreho, A., L. Ross, and R. Ayala. 2020. *How High Are Household Energy Burdens?* Washington, DC: American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.



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improve health, and protect us from extreme heat, winter storms, and wildfire smoke. Oregon PSR strongly urges you to pass HB 3081 out of the committee.

Sincerely,



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