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On Behalf Of: Professional Engineers of Oregon

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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Professional Engineers of Oregon Supports, but with concerns/suggestions

The definition of "room" should be clarified to indicate that it means an enclosed living space within a dwelling unit. In many living units, rooms are not separated by walls and doors such that nearly the entire unit (except the bedrooms) may require air conditioning whereas the intent of the bill may have been only one room such as the Living Room needs to be air conditioned. The wording regarding "the lesser of 15 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the outdoor temperature or" should be removed to simply require a maximum indoor temperature of 80 degrees.