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Many people go through hard times for various reasons and sometimes have difficulty making utility payments. They need help, not shut off of life's necessities. Please support this helpful legislation. It is By Customers, For Customers: Oregon's energy assistance program is funded by a small amount collected on each customer's electricity bill. PGE and Pacific Power households would pay less than \$1.50 each month, doubling the current amount collected.

Expand Access To Energy Assistance: Everyone deserves access to affordable energy, but funding for assistance programs has not kept up with demand. Less than one in five Oregonians who need and qualify for energy assistance can currently access it.

Preventing Disconnection For Families: Providing struggling families with assistance prevents households from being disconnected and helps customers pay down utility debt. All Oregon families deserve to keep the lights on.