

Testimony in Support of HB 868

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Greetings Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the committee and staff.

350 Salem OR strongly supports SB 868. My 37 years of professional experience with state government related directly to the issues in SB 868.

**Healthy Heating and Cooling for All (SB 868)** will align our energy efficiency programs with our state climate goals, accelerate heat pump deployment, and ramp up other energy efficiency efforts like weatherizing and retrofitting existing homes.

It is imperative that all four bills before this committee (SB 868, SB 869, SB 870 and SB 871) pass with amendments with “do pass” recommendation to the Senate floor.

Oregon can be a leader for the U.S. and the U.S can be a leader for the world. We are within a few years of several major tipping points that would drastically alter the climate for Oregon and the world.

Thank you for your great work on climate and for the opportunity to file testimony

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<sup>2</sup> 350 Salem OR is a local chapter of 350.org, an international non-profit dedicated to reducing climate pollution and human-caused climate disruptions, such as the 2020 Labor Day Santiam Canyon wildfire, the June 2021 heat dome event and the 2023 “fir-magedon” dieoff of true fir trees in central and eastern Oregon.