

HB 3166: Helping Oregon Families Navigate the Benefits of Energy Efficiency Incentives

WHAT IS IT?

HB 3166 creates a one-stop shop for energy efficiency incentives that will help everyday families understand their options and make the right choices for their homes.

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) created unprecedented levels of federal funding that will flow to state agencies and into local communities. Oregon must be prepared to absorb this funding to help maximize the potential – and the potential to layer with existing incentives – for families to save money and improve their lives. Between the state programs and utility incentives already in place and all these new opportunities, there are an overwhelming number of options, all of which have different qualification requirements, uses, and benefits.

Oregonians need a centralized resource that can help them understand what incentives they qualify for, what they can use those incentives for, and how to access them. They also need the state to work proactively to create programs that can get dollars out the door efficiently and effectively – and ensure the right coordination with the cornerstone programs that have benefited communities for years.

HB 3166 will allow the Department of Energy to get to work right away in establishing programs to absorb federal funding, encourage coordination amongst relevant agencies and organizations, and support better navigation of home efficiency and health programs for Oregon families.

WHAT DOES IT DO?

- ***Whole Home Energy Savings Program***
 - Proactively establishes a program that will implement new federal home energy performance rebates and coordinate them with existing incentives that accomplish similar goals.
 - Rebates will be available for homeowners and multifamily building owners to do projects that will help save families at least 20% on their energy bills.
- ***High Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program***
 - Supplements existing investments in heat pumps for renters and low-income communities from the 2022 legislative session with rebates to cover additional appliances or other measures that can help families electrify their homes if they so choose.
 - Covers 100% of project costs for low-income families and 50% of costs for moderate income families up to \$12,000.
- ***Energy Incentive Information Hub***
 - Directs the establishment of a “one-stop shop” where Oregonians can learn about different programs they may qualify for and get help accessing resources to complete needed home energy projects.

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