

# HB 3792 OEAP Bill

## Hearing in the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Hearing on Thursday the 27th @ 1 PM

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**Overview**

At the request of:

**Chief Sponsors:** [Representative Andersen](#)

**Regular Sponsors:** [Representative Gamba, Senator Meek, Reynolds](#)

**Bill Title:** [Relating to consumer protection for utility ratepayers.](#)

**Catchline/Summary:** [Requires the Public Utility Commission to study consumer protection for utility ratepayers.](#)

**Chapter Number:**

**Fiscal Impact:** [May Have Fiscal Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued](#)

**Revenue Impact:** [May Have Revenue Impact, But No Statement Yet Issued](#)

**Measure Analysis:** [Staff Measure Summary / Impact Statements](#)

**Current Location:** [In House Committee](#)

**Current Committee:** [House Committee On Commerce and Consumer Protection](#)

**Current Subcommittee:**

**Subsequent Referral(s):**

**Potential Conflicts of Interest/Vote Explanations:** [Potential Conflicts of Interest/Vote Explanation Documents](#)

**Measure History**

**Scheduled Events**

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## David BBs Example Testimony:

### [OEAP One-Pager](#)

This is my sample testimony, but feel free to change it up! Talk about:

- Your energy affordability struggles or those of friends and community.

- If you've ever been at threat of disconnection, share about the struggles to find energy assistance funds.
- If you've ever been at threat of disconnection talk about how OEAP is necessary so that folks needing help can get on the program.
- Share how we need an assistance program that is independent of tampering by federal-level instability.
- If you've ever gotten OEAP funding, talk about how it helped you out.

Members of the Committee,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_. I'm from House District \_\_\_\_\_ and I am here today to ask that you support this OEAP funding expansion bill, HB 3792.

Over the past 4 years bills have increased for everyone, to a shocking degree. I am lucky that I live in a newer building that has better weatherization and has been updated with more efficient electric heating and appliances. I'm also single and live in a small space, so despite the utility increases from Pacific Power and the economic pain I'm feeling, my bills are still manageable.

However I am lucky, my day job has me talking with my neighbors every day about the growing energy affordability issues in this state, and it's scary. I care about my neighbors dearly, many of whom are opting to not warm their homes in the winter, wearing double layers of clothing to stay warm, and using their fireplaces and ovens as a form of heat, because energy is too expensive! I've encountered too many stories of community members all over Oregon facing disconnections. I carry the stories of Oregonians who are on fixed incomes, who simply can not pay the price for electricity anymore, elders with medical issues or disabilities, families who are trying their hardest and simply can not earn enough to keep up with inflating bills and are being disconnected not once, or twice, but three times!

This expansion funding bill for OEAP is **critical**! We need to have a state funding source, independent from what is happening federally, that can help our struggling neighbors throughout the state. This bill is asking for a small increase in funding, a matter of cents that is taken out of all PGE and Pacific Power customers, meant to help folks going through difficult times. I am happy to pay a small portion of my bill if it means that the community members I hold so dear are healthy, in a warm home and not fretting over their lights and heat being shut off.

OEAP is funded for Oregonians by Oregonians! If this expansion helps even a fraction of the 58K Oregonian households that were disconnected in 2024, it is well worth your time. Please do not let more community members be disconnected, let's fund OEAP and pass HB 3972!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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