



Notice of Public Workshop and Series

Docket No. UM 1158

Recommendations for Equity Metrics for the Energy Trust of Oregon under HB 3141

Invitation to a Public Workshop

Staff would like to invite stakeholders to attend the first in a series of public workshops on **Thursday, August 4, 2:00 – 3:30 pm PT** to inform development of equity metrics for the Energy Trust of Oregon.

Date: August 4, 2022

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 pm Pacific Time

Access: 1. Join our webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87574793900?pwd=UWtVdEZlQ2FsTTVNS1hTbXVBcEZJUT09>

2. Join by phone:

Call (669) 444-9171

Meeting ID: 875 7479 3900

Passcode: 498219

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87574793900?pwd=UWtVdEZlQ2FsTTVNS1hTbXVBcEZJUT09>

In order to help us prepare for this event, please [RSVP](#).

Purpose of Meeting

House Bill 3141 requires the OPUC to establish equity metrics to assess and create accountability for environmental justice in the expenditure of energy conservation funds by Energy Trust of Oregon. These metrics must reflect feedback through a public process that includes, at a minimum, environmental justice communities.

The goal of this workshop is to begin our community engagement around these ideas outlined in HB 3141.

- In this first workshop, we will introduce our initial ideas about how we could move forward together with you in this project.
- We would like to use this time together to hear your thoughts on these initial ideas in order to build a plan moving forward that best matches our various communities' interests and concerns.

Schedule for Public Workshop Series

In subsequent workshops, OPUC Staff will share findings from engagements with environmental justice communities and work with stakeholders to develop equity metrics for Energy Trust.

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Workshop Topic	Date	Time
Workshop 1: Review the schedule and process for development of equity metrics for Energy Trust, working with communities to inform discussion of metrics with members of various environmental justice communities	Thursday, August 4, 2022	2:00 – 3:30 pm PT See access information above
Workshop 2: Review findings from engagement with members of environmental justice communities and draft specific metrics	Late August	TBD
Workshop 3: Discuss draft equity metrics informed by members of environmental justice communities	Mid-September	TBD

Meet our Facilitators

We've partnered with the third-party equity consultant FC Hurdle to support OPUC with this project. They are excited about meeting everyone in this introductory engagement session. FC Hurdle has experience engaging communities across the Pacific Northwest. Along with this, FC Hurdle supports government agencies to infuse policies with the authentic voices of people within the community so growth and improvement can be actualized. These pursuits are realized because FC Hurdle has the lived experience of deeply understanding how inequities play out in Oregon and the knowledge to encourage equitable and inclusive change. For more information, please visit <https://fchurdleconsulting.com/>

Background

On July 27, 2021, Oregon House Bill 3141 was signed into law. HB 3141 makes numerous changes to laws governing the collection and use of the Public Purpose Charge (PPC). HB 3141 extends collection of the PPC to 2036 and reduces the amount from 3 percent to 1.5 percent by shifting all energy conservation funding for energy efficiency out of the PPC and into utility rates.

HB 3141 obligates the PUC to establish equity metrics to assess and create accountability for environmental justice in the expenditure of energy conservation funds. These metrics must reflect feedback through a public process that includes, at a minimum, environmental justice communities. As the nongovernmental entity receiving energy conservation funding, Energy Trust of Oregon is required to report on progress toward equity metrics. The PUC must develop equity metrics by December 31, 2022.

“Environmental Justice” has been defined to mean the equal treatment, protection from environmental and health hazards, and meaningful involvement of environmental communities

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in the development, implementation and enforcement of regulations and policies that affect the environment in which people live, work, learn, practice spiritually and play.

Find out more here: <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/Documents/HB3141-Summary.pdf>

Staff will present initial equity metrics at an OPUC public meeting this year for Commission approval. Approved metrics will be applied to Energy Trust in 2023. Staff expects to continue outreach to environmental justice communities in 2023.

Staff Contacts

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