

4.02.000-P Conservation Funding for Schools

History			
Source	Date	Action/Notes	Next Review Date
Board Decision	May 8, 2001	Adopted (R27)	November 28, 2001
Board	November 28, 2001	Reviewed/Revised (R58)	February 27, 2002
Board	February 27, 2002	Reviewed/Revised (R87)	February 2005
Board	October 6, 2004	Amended (R295)	October 2007
Board	April 6, 2005	Amended (R328) – see R331	April 2006
Board	May 4, 2005	Amended (R331)	June 2008
Board	February 14, 2007	Authorized funding to 2007 (R426)	June 2010
Board	July 28, 2010	Amended (R557)	July 2013
Board	August 17, 2011	Amended (R592)	August 2016
Board	September 28, 2016	Amended (R783)	September 2019
Board	February 25, 2020	Amended (R899)	February 2023

Introduction

In 1999 the Oregon legislature passed Senate Bill 1149 (SB 1149). This bill created the Public Purpose Charge (PPC). The PPC collects money from electric bills to fund the Energy Trust of Oregon, energy efficiency programs for public schools to be administered by the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE), and energy programs for the Oregon Housing and Community Services.

Energy Trust receives funding beyond the PPC. Beginning in 2002 and pursuant to a series of contracts with gas utilities, Energy Trust also collects money from gas bills to fund and support gas efficiency savings. Additionally, in 2007, the legislature also passed SB 838 to authorize the collection of supplemental funding for the acquisition by Energy Trust of more available electric efficiency savings.

SB 1149 specifically directs PPC funds to efficiency measures in K-12 schools (“SB 1149 schools”). These funds are administered by ODOE in “the Schools Program.”

Energy Trust and ODOE Coordination for Schools

- On an ongoing basis, Energy Trust and ODOE will work together to develop mutually agreed-upon “Schools Coordination Procedures” to document how Energy Trust efficiency funds from non PPC funding, such as SB 838 supplemental funding and gas funding (“non-SB 1149 funding”), may be combined with Schools Program funding to benefit SB 1149 schools. Such Schools Coordination procedures shall be consistent with any guidance provided by the Oregon Public Utility Commission.

- Annually, Energy Trust will document how non-SB 1149 funding was used to fund efficiency measures in SB 1149 schools.
- Energy Trust will inform SB 1149 schools about Energy Trust and ODOE coordination on energy offerings.
- Annually, Energy Trust will document how SB 838 or gas efficiency funds were used to fund efficiency measures in SB 1149 schools.

Reporting

- In its biennial reports to the legislature, Energy Trust will not claim or report energy savings for efficiency measures at schools that have received both Schools Program Funding and Energy Trust non-SB 1149 funding or for savings for efficiency measures at schools which are eligible for Schools Program funding. In reports to the OPUC, Energy Trust will claim and report energy savings for efficiency measures at schools for which it provided funds.