



## **ACTION ALERT! Oppose HB 3152**

**HB 3152 to Phase Out Use of Natural Gas in Residential Housing Sector. Public hearing TODAY. [Make your voice heard!](#)**

**[HB 3152](#)** is making another appearance today for a public hearing in the House Climate, Energy and Environment Committee.

HB 3152 is a bill that phases out the use of natural gas in the residential housing sector. It establishes that the policy of Oregon is to protect residential utility customers from risks of stranded fossil fuel assets and potential increases in energy burden while achieving state's GHG emissions reduction goals.

HB 3152 prohibits, on or after January 1, 2026, use of funding from ratepayers to provide incentives or subsidies for the purchase or installation of gas appliances or devices for use by residential utility customers. It also prevents line extension allowances for new gas line extensions that support the use of gas in residential buildings.

**A public hearing on HB 3152 will be held in the [House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment](#) TODAY, March 13th at 3pm. Your chamber will be submitting testimony in opposition today. **Testimony will be accepted until 3pm on Wednesday, March 15th!****

**SUBMIT YOUR TESTIMONY HERE**

**Submit written testimony:** Written testimony should be submitted to OLIS through the online Testimony Submission Form. Be sure to select the committee, hearing date and bill you are submitting testimony for. You can use this link to access the form:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Testimony/HCEE/HB/3152/0000-00-00-00-00?area=Measures>

**Sign up to testify:** You will need to register to give oral testimony. Please use the link provided to sign up. Please plan to keep your comments brief, about 2 minutes.

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2023R1/Committees/HCEE/2023-03-13-15-00/Agenda>

## **Annual Awards Dinner Ticket Sales Close Friday**

**[Get your tickets today.](#)** You don't want to miss the chamber's March 23 annual awards dinner and meeting of the membership. Tickets are only on sale until Friday, March 17. Get your tickets [HERE](#). The annual celebration of our local business community is held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds' Community Conference Hall from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. Chamber leadership will share the organization's activities for the past year and discuss future priorities. The evening's festivities will include business of the year honors and, of course, the announcement of our 2022 First Citizens will highlight the evening.

For Roseburg Area Chamber members tickets are \$65/person or \$520 for a table of eight. Tickets for non-members are \$75/person. Any past RACC board chair or past First Citizen is, of course, covered under the chamber's member rate. Members can purchase tickets [online](#) or by returning the [dinner flyer](#) with payment by the March 17 deadline.

Thank you to our generous member-sponsors, title sponsor [Cascade Community Credit Union](#) and corporate sponsors [Lone Rock Resources](#) and [Umpqua Insurance Agency](#), for supporting the 2023 annual awards dinner!

## **Save the Dates!**

4/10 April Membership Meeting Lunch—Tickets on Sale Late March

4/11 Business After Hours at [Pinnacle Engineering](#)—Watch for More Details!

5/15 May Membership Meeting Lunch—Tickets on Sale Late April

## In Chamber Advocacy News . . .

There are approximately 3000 bills in process in Oregon's 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Assembly. RACC continues to monitor hundreds of business bills, weighing in when appropriate. On the chamber's website members can find ["Calls to Action," "Current News"](#) including links to RACC-submitted testimony, updates of RACC's ["Issues & Positions"](#) and [weekly legislative updates regarding business legislation](#). The chamber's [2023-24 Public Affairs & Legislative Agenda](#) is also online.

The chamber encourages our members to utilize the [Oregon Legislative Information System or OLIS](#) for the most current information about bill specifics and status of proposed legislation during the Oregon Legislative session.

## In Other Chamber News . . .

In case you haven't yet, check out the chamber's [March/April 2023 issue of Business Perspectives e-newsletter](#) to learn about new members, renewing members, member news, promotional opportunities and upcoming programs and events. Past issues of *Business Perspectives* and previous "Chamber News" member emails can also be found online [HERE!](#) Visit the [Chamber Calendar](#) online for chamber programs, events and deadlines. Your best resource for chamber information is on the [Roseburg Area Chamber website!](#)

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