## Oregon Department of Energy

Public Purpose Charge (SB 1149) Schools Program Proposed Changes

The Oregon Department of Energy has been working on proposed changes to the SB 1149 Schools Program Guidelines based on feedback from school districts. The proposed changes below would go into effect January 1, 2020.

## **Proposed changes:**

- 1) School districts may complete a fleet audit and can use Public Purpose Charge funds to purchase or lease Zero-Emissions Vehicles, including buses. The funds can also be used to purchase or install electric vehicle charging stations.
- 2) School districts can work with Energy Trust programs to submit energy saving measures for consideration for SB 1149 Schools Program eligibility and reimbursement once they have completed whole building energy audits or equivalent.

Note: For schools that may still need a whole building energy audit or school districts that choose to select and hire a qualified energy audit firm, ODOE will maintain the SB 1149 Audit Requirements and the SB 1149 Audit cost will be eligible for reimbursement upon audit approval.

3) School districts may still combine Public Purpose Charge funds and Energy Trust incentives on an eligible measure, but the combined funding is no longer capped at the SB 1149 Schools Program maximum reimbursement amount.

Note: An Energy Trust incentive can be added to the SB 1149 maximum reimbursement amount, but never to exceed 100% of the project cost.

Example: Project Cost is higher than SB 1149 Max Reimbursement

Measure Description	Estimated Cost	SB 1149 Maximum Reimbursement	Energy Trust Incentive	SB 1149 Funds	SB 1149 Funds + Energy Trust Incentive	Net Cost to the District
DDC Upgrade	\$400,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$100,000.00

Example: Project Cost is less than SB 1149 Max Reimbursement

Measure Description	Estimated Cost	SB 1149 Maximum Reimbursement	Energy Trust Incentive	SB 1149 Funds	SB 1149 Funds + Energy Trust Incentive	Net Cost to the District
Lighting Upgrade	\$100,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00

