



Hearing Record & Response

Draft 2026 US Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) State Plan for Oregon

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Hearing Notices



DRAFT 2026 DOE WAP STATE PLAN FOR OREGON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: July 24, 2026

[Public hearing notice link](#)

PUBLIC HEARING

Date: August 7, 2026

Location: Virtual – [Teams meeting](#)

[Public hearing notice link](#)

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Engagement Summaries



PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearing on the Draft 2026 US Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan for Oregon was convened on August 7, 2026, at 8:30 AM (PST).

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Five people attended, most of whom are OHCS staff:

- Danielle Safford, OHCS
- Steve Divan, OHCS
- Anabel Hernandez-Mejia, OHCS
- Beth Byrne, OHCS
- Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch, Community Action Partnership of Oregon (CAPO)

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS AND OHCS RESPONSES

One person in attendance provided comments at the hearing (in order of speaking), which is summarized.

Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch, CAPO: Requested OHCS to provide a summary of any stakeholder engagement—including that from the Community Action Agency network or other community/partners—that could have had or did influence the changes to the plan.

- **OHCS response:** OHCS gathers input from the Community Action Agency (CAA) network and other community partners throughout the year, and the State Plan is treated as a living document shaped by ongoing feedback. The update process was expedited this year to submit the federal application within 30 days and secure prioritized federal review. Securing funding for program was our priority. OHCS deeply respects the knowledge and day-to-day experience of the people doing the work in the field and values all feedback with an open-door policy.

Engagement Materials and Meeting Transcript



MEETING TRANSCRIPT

TRANSCRIPT OF PUBLIC HEARING

August 7, 2026, 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. (PST)

SAFFORD Danielle * HCS

This hearing is being recorded and transcribed and it will be entered into the public record following this meeting. Today is Friday, August 7th, 2026, and the time is 8:30 AM. My name is Danielle Safford, and I'll be serving as the Oregon Housing and Community Services Hearing Officer. The purpose of this public hearing is to take public comment on the Draft 2026 U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan for Oregon. The purpose of this public hearing is to take and consider public comments. No responses to questions will be made at this time. The agency will review issues raised during the public comment period and the hearing officer's report will contain the responses. These will be attached to the public hearing transcript submitted to the US Department of Energy. The public may submit written comment on the draft state plan until Friday, August 7th, 2026, at 5:00 PM, which is the close of the public comment period. Comments received after this time will not be reviewed or considered by the agency unless the agency extends the public comment period for everyone. A copy of the state plan and attachments referenced during this public hearing has been posted to our agency website. The public can request a copy of this document at any time.

HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel * HCS

Hey, Lauren. Danielle just read through the public hearing officer's portion that we do but just wanting to gauge if you were here to listen or if you have a comment to share.

Lauren Kolojechick-Kotch

The very last part. I don't have consensus comment to make, but I, can you remind me—

and I'm sorry, you probably just said this one minute ago—but will there be a report response to comments that are made?

[HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel: nodded]

Lauren Kolojechick-Kotch

OK. I guess my question, which was the same question that I had in... For the record, I'm Lauren Kolojechick-Kotch, Utility Policy Manager for the Community Action Partnership of Oregon. I am wondering if, in the account or in the in the hearing report, if you can... Sorry. The timelines that we got to review the state plans were fairly short, and so I am like catching up a little bit with the changes that were made in the in the DOE State Plan. But I am interested in understanding the stakeholder engagement that, kind of, influenced the changes to the plan, if there was anything that did influence the changes to the plan from, you know, the network or broader group of stakeholders, and that is my question.

Thanks for bearing with me as I put that together in real time.

HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel * HCS

No worries, Lauren. Thank you so much for coming in, and also, this is being recorded and transcribed. And, so, we'll definitely get those out and share it with program and well, they're also hearing it from you too.

Lauren Kolojechick-Kotch

Thank you.

SAFFORD Danielle * HCS

And Lauren, you, you may have missed this piece. I'll just reread it really quickly. The purpose of the hearing is to take and consider public comment, and no responses to questions will be made at this time. We will review issues raised during the comment

period and the hearing officer's report will contain the responses and these will all be attached to the hearing transcript and submitted to the US Department of Energy.

Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch

Thank you.

I don't have any other questions or comments, but I will probably just stay and see if anyone else joins in the next half hour so I can hear if they raise anything.

HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel * HCS

That works. And then...

SAFFORD Danielle * HCS

That sounds good.

HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel * HCS

I was just going to add from Danielle what you were, you had already restated, just that if there is something else that comes up and obviously the 30 minutes are over where we're in our day, just you have till this Friday at 5:00 PM to submit written comment as well. So, if you want to share anything you can still do so.

Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch

Thank you all for your time. Take care.

HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel * HCS

Thanks. Have a great day. Have a good weekend.

Lauren Kolojejchick-Kotch

You too.

SAFFORD Danielle * HCS

Thank you, Lauren.

HERNANDEZ-MEJIA Anabel * HCS

Danielle, it is now 9:00 AM. If you would like to read that last.

SAFFORD Danielle * HCS

I would like to thank everyone for taking the time to attend the public hearing today. The time is now 9:00 AM. This will conclude our public hearing for the Draft 2026 U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan for Oregon. We will stop the recording at this time.

Appendix



ALL OTHER PUBLIC COMMENTS

OHCS received no public comments, written or verbal.