

Rulemaking



Oregon Housing and Community Services

January 15, 2026

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Dear Partners,

OHCS is hosting a public hearing for the administrative rules that are being amended within three divisions for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP), and COVID Energy Assistance Program (COV-EAP). align with the current program requirements. The hearing officer will be reviewing the drafted rules and provide an opportunity for public comment and feedback.

Date: January 15, 2026

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Hearing Officer: David Kaufman

Teams Meeting:

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Conference ID: 28915017625838

Meeting password: iE3pW7Cg

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Rules: 813-200-0008, 813-201-0100, 813-201-0105, 813-201-0108, 813-201-0110, 813-201-0120, 813-201-0130, 813-201-0140, 813-201-0150, 813-201-0160, 813-201-0170, 813-201-0180, 813-201-0190, 813-202-0007

Program: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP), and COVID Energy Assistance Program (COV-EAP)





Caption: Updating the LIHEAP and OEAP Program Manual and repealing the COV-OEAP rules.

Summary: The LIHEAP and OEAP Program Manual was updated in October with temporary changes. Those changes need to be made permanent. Additionally, the COV-OEAP program has ended and funds are expired. This program will no longer be funded or operational.

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 456.555

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 458.505

Related Documents: 2026 LIHEAP State Plan for Oregon, which can be found on the OHCS website.

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing (attachment)

Public Comment: The agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business. Persons interested in providing oral or written comments may submit them by contacting Rachel Bennett by emailing rachel.bennett@hcs.oregon.gov

Comments will be accepted through 5 p.m. March 6, 2026

