

Co-Chairs Salinas and Taylor, Vice-Chairs Boshart-Davis and Knopp and members of the redistricting committees,

My name is Kimberly Culbertson and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I live in Hillsboro, House District 29, Senate District 15 , and Congressional District 1. I've lived in Hillsboro for the last 29 years!

Washington County has grown a lot in the last 10 years, becoming more urban and dense, because of this there is a need for more districts in the region. There is a risk of agrarian vs. suburban balance if my district tries to go more coastal, I believe that House Proposal C addresses this and unites common communities.

The current SD15 is uncharacteristically agrarian and it creates a divide between House 29 and 30 and SD15. The culture of northern SD15 prioritizes car culture, they don't understand the need for pedestrian safe infrastructure like crosswalks, lights, and public transportation. If SD 15 was less rural/northern, we would probably be able to advocate more effectively for the needs of downtown Hillsboro. I believe that the new Senate District 17 from Senate Proposal C does exactly this. By pairing us with Aloha we could jointly advocate for affordable family housing, and other things that our growing cities are in desperate need of.

Additionally, I hope that the committees will consider how Washington County will fit into a Congressional district. Washington County is connected to the coastal districts through key transit areas, not only the Columbia River Channel and Willamette River but also, HWY 101. This district is also home to fast growing AAPI and Latinx communities that should be kept together as communities of interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Culbertson