

**Congressional District 4 – Summary of Oral and Written Comments, March/April 2021**

*Below is a summary of the oral and written public testimony received during the March and April public hearings on redistricting from residents of Congressional District 4. These summaries have been produced by staff and are not endorsed by the redistricting committees or individual members of the Legislative Assembly. Please note that the “key points” portion of each person’s testimony may not fully encompass all points made by the submitter and should only be used as reference.*

*This summary document is divided into four sections. Starting on pages 2 and 12 are the oral remarks received during the March 16 and April 10 public hearings. A written record created by a transcription program is included though it may not be fully accurate due to technological limitations. Therefore, please refer to the recorded video testimony, a link to which can be found on page 1 of this document. The link to a recording log document associated with the meeting is also included and can be used to find the time at which specific individuals testified.*

*Starting on pages 21 and 24 are summaries of written comments received during for the public hearing on March 16 and April 10. Again, summaries are included only for reference and the links can be used to view the full, unaltered testimony.*

# Comments			Topic of Comments Provided
Total	Oral	Written	
32	9	23	Supports creation of an independent commission on redistricting
8	8		General comments regarding Lane County districts
4	4		General comments regarding HD 11 boundaries
4	3	1	Engage with the BIPOC community
3		3	Rural Regions should be joined, separated from City of Eugene
3		3	Use alternative sources of data until Census data arrives
3		3	Impacted communities should be center of process and outcome
3		3	Rural areas are underrepresented in Legislative Assembly
2	2		Support for the current redistricting process
2		2	Separate southern Linn County from University of Oregon
2		2	Urban and rural issues are not the same
2		2	Each county should be assigned two state senators
2		2	Do not use gerrymandering to redraw district lines
2		2	Representation should be by county (by population or two per county)
1	1		Colleges and universities should be considered communities of interest
1	1		General comments regarding Corvallis-area districts
1	1		General comments regarding Roseburg-area districts
1		1	Concern that Roseburg is divided between 3 House and 2 Senate districts
1		1	Add all areas in Springfield UGB to HD 12 instead of HD 11
1		1	District boundaries should coincide with Eugene city limits
1		1	Use natural boundaries such as Willamette River near Eugene
1		1	Make HD 11 either a Eugene/UO district or a rural district
1		1	Do not connect Linn and Benton County in a single district
1		1	Create a coastal congressional district that includes Corvallis
1		1	Do not include both Eugene and Corvallis in a single district

1		1	The Coast is a community of common interest
1		1	Santa Clara is a community of common interest
1		1	Both SD 4 and SD 7 violate criteria by dividing communities of interest
1		1	Eugene Indigenous population is a community of common interest
1		1	Redistricting must be bipartisan, transparent, and use best available data
1		1	Do NOT use alternative data to draw maps
1		1	Ensure that communities feel represented in their districts

**NOTE: For full text of oral comments, consult the video recording of the meetings:**

**--March 16 (5:30 PM):**

**Video:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031053>

**Recording Log:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-03-16-17-30>

**--April 10 (12:00 PM):**

**Video:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021041004>

**Recording Log:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-04-10-12-00>

**NOTE: For (approximate) transcript of oral remarks and for full text of written comments, see summaries and links to testimony on following pages:**

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**--Written Comments March 16 (5:30 PM): Pages 21-24**

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**ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 1 - March 16, 5:30 PM**

**Name:** Sen. Floyd Prozanski, SD 4

**Key Points:**

- Supports protecting communities of interest
- Pleasant Hill split by Highway 58, should be kept whole
- Elmira and Veneta should also stay connected as they are now

**Transcript:** My name is floyd prisons, case district for what I represent, which is large portions of lane in douglas County. I think the committee for giving me an opportunity to start with the understanding that one I've been here before ten years ago. So I know your task is overwhelming, but it's one that is very important. So I want to thank each and every member of the two committees to participate. And unfortunately, I virtual recall of all the districts and speaking the people as when we did it in twenty eleven, we had the opportunity to actually go into the communities to actually get the input. But I think it is very, very important for you to do what you're doing. And I thank you for doing that. As you know, that today are tight is the first of the hearings. Percentages are assuming congressional districts for and that is one that doesn't fact includes in that district for of the oregon state legislature as you embark on this area. It will be very important for you to continue to look at the key factors that are required. As you

know, community of interest is very important. And you are also looking at how you're going to need a shift, potentially the district lines to ensure that we, each of the congressional districts, as well as each of the state districts, house and senate are actually we dispersed and distributed between the population that we have it is important for me to ask for you to look when you are going through this as trying to do your best to continue the representation that is in place based on the communities of interest. Realizing that when we did this task and twenty eleven lines were drawn differently than they were in two thousand and one. But that is because of the population shift. But unfortunately, in some those districts that were created in two thousand and one, we saw communities that were in fact divided in half. I will give you one example as to one that is currently split somewhat, but it's one that I've told to my constituents and those who are butting mind, which would be instead of district that is represented by sender buyer. And then that is present hill highway through da being a demarcation extremely large populated are used, highway is a natural demarcation. But of course, by splitting the districts in center on highway fifty eight, those who resided east, excuse me, north of highway through gate, went into once in a district, as compared to those who were on the south side went into a different one. We had a similar situation that was rectified because of the redistricting in twenty eleven that occurred in two thousand and one which was in the areas of elmira and benita where territory road was a demarcation. And in that area, I would say it was very unfortunate because of the smaller community being divided into two different districts and both house and center. So as you reach today, as you're going through the hearing, the discussions, i hope that you're listen to all of the constituents from congressional district for as they present the information. I thank you for your time.

**Name:** Rep. Marty Wilde, HD 11

**Key Points:**

- Concerned about current construction of HD 11
- Splits several communities of interest, including farming communities, Springfield, and Eugene
- Transportation links in district are limited

**Transcript:** My name is Marty will east, a representative from house district eleven house district eleven currently covers parts of eugene, springfield, press all kohlberg, mohawk valley, brownsville hall. The harrisburg in the rural areas in between. Thank you for your service on the committee. May be review for you, but I think it's good for people to hear again or s one eighty eight, one zero, one zero, laid out. But the criteria for your portion of the stephen to legislative districts. These criteria could each district is nearly as practicable, shall, among other things, utilize existing geographic or political boundaries. Not divide communities of common interest and be connected by transportation like now these lines were drawn long before I got here, mostly in two thousand and one change very little in two thousand eleven. So I can't really say who thought my district met that goes criteria had the time. Even my predecessor was brand new to the legislature in two thousand and one of the district contains parts of cities, whole cities to counties, and three geographically diverse regions of the lamb. At valley, as currently drawn, the district certainly does not follow geographic or political boundaries. The district also divides communities of common interest. Obviously, communities of interest don't have a set size and having multiple communities of interest is quite normal. However, a district shouldn't divide communities of interest more than necessary. Eugene in my district, you neighborhood there split between house districts and the same neighborhood lamps, two parts of springfield that are not connected. Putting an area outside down spring downtown springfield with the suburb of North springfield. I appreciate the

springfield, the community of interest and acknowledge the desirability of keeping it in eighteen twelve as a single district. However, h d eleven looks a lot like what's left over when that community of interest is accommodated. You know, accepting that know, district and perfectly meet the grades all the criteria. We can do better in avoiding the division of communities of interest to give a few more examples of arming communities of interest and which county are split between eighteen eleven, fifteen and twenty and seventeen. Without the Valley between cottage grove and eugene is but between h d seven, eight and eleven. Those current boundaries, but the communities of pleasant hill, cloverdale, and parts of crowds, well, all of which are really arguably, one community of interest in the South Fleming valley. Further, much of the district is not connected by transportation length, so there's really no way to get from chrysler halsy without having to go through another house district. Yes, my district runs along, i five, but it's along to different parts of it. While the community is running from the suburbs in springfield, up highway one twenty six are divided between seven, six, seven, eleven, and twelve. The most efficient routes from the different parts of my district involve transiting other districts clearly far from the law. Well, I do love the diversity of h T eleven. The truth is that it's largely made up from geographically and politically diverse communities in order to get the right population limit. Not really out of any consideration of political or geographic boundaries. Community of interest or transportation link is patchwork ultimately does not serve the best interests of my diverse constituents. Not just on matters of policy, but also matters as simple as just attending town hall. I will presume to tell you who should go, where and so I won't certainly won't play favorites me on my constituents, but I do hope you'll agree that h T eleven should be withdrawn to better meet the requirements the law. I think we can do better and thank you for the opportunity to testify..

**Name:** Rep. Paul Holvey, HD 8

**Key Points:**

- Supports protecting communities of interest
- Has concerns about redistricting commission, prefers current process

**Transcript:** Co chairs selina thing coach here. Taylor for allowing me to speak this afternoon. I wanted to speak. This is David paul whole the for the record, and I'm from district eight in South eugene and south central lane county, which takes up some of the areas that sen brzezinski spoke about. Primarily the elmira and benita areas that used to be divided. I did serve on the redistricting committee back in two thousand eleven. And I will note that, you know, though it's impossible to draw a line without dividing somebody's idea of Community of interest. It is correct. That we should try to keep our communities of interest intact as much as possible. But when you're drawing lines and you're required to have a certain population, you know, in each district as equitable as possible, you do eventually have to draw a line somewhere. And so you're going to be separated from, from one of your neighbors somewhere just a little, you know, common sense on that one. I do. I do think that it is important for the legislature to continue to look at redistricting in such a way that we involve all of the state of oregon in this discussion. And I think the legislature is really the right place to do it where we have ninety legislators who know more about their district than someone in a commission. For example, i've always kind of thought the idea about an independent commission was really hard to hard to come up because it's a smaller amount of people with more power. And I've just never believed that everybody independent. I can't really show me an independent commission. People always have different political views and so by definition i just don't think that is representative or would be a good direction for the state to go. We need to engage our, all of our legislators in describing their communities of interest within their districts

and listen to the public within those districts to help establish what the important communities of interest are in. But ultimately we do have to make those populations close by law, and that is a task that your committee will endeavor, i'm sure, but always keep in mind those communities of interest because they can be of many different shapes, sizes, and colors. And I think for each community, your community of interest may focus on something a little bit different than the other one that are not all the same. And that's one of the things we need directly to recognize is that all of our districts are a bit different and we need to look at them and listen to the people within them when making these decisions. Thank you very much for allowing me the little bit of extra time have a good evening.

**Name:** Rep. Julie Fahey, HD 14

**Key Points:**

- Eugene area districts split many neighborhoods
- Believes Legislature uniquely equipped to draw district lines given community knowledge

**Transcript:** My name is Julie vicky and I represent house district fourteen, which includes johnson City, the unincorporated community of cheshire, but only the parks north of highway. Thirty six, the entire neighborhood of bethel and eugene and portions of the Santa clara river road, churchill, and far west neighborhoods and eugene. Usually I just abbreviate all of that to West eugene in junction city, but I thought it was important to spell it all out tonight in part because it helps to make one other point i'd like to make. Which is that the districts as they exist right now. And eugene do split up a fair number of our neighborhoods and neighborhood association between districts. I have all of the battle neighborhood in house district fourteen, which is about forty five percent of the district overall. And I really enjoyed being baffled, advocate in the legislature, it's such a unique neighborhood with its own school district and its own community needs. And being the representative for bethel means that I have the chance to really get to know and develop deep relationships with the leaders in that community. I'm also the go to person. There is no having to explain to people that you know, well if you look west of such and such a street, i'm your representative. But if you live to be someone else, if you live in bethel, your state rep, me and your state senator, a sen meaning and then each of the other eugene neighborhoods i represent, i share them with another rep. Santa clara and river road was worth maintenance in in house district, thirteen and churchill in far west with rep whole the in house district eight. And in the latter two cases, those neighborhood actually continued to senate districts as an example in Santa clara, north of beltline highway, the border between house districts thirteen and fourteen is river road. And that is a perfectly reasonable district boundary. If you're just looking at a map river road is a major arterial street in eugene. But that boundary line divides the saint clair neighbourhood into santa clara is a unique neighborhood with its own concerned around annexation and transportation infrastructure. And they're there in the patrick of city and county land within a there any number of ways that this could be fixed. You know, moving all santa clara and river road to district thirteen and then giving district fourteen more full of our west would be one. I could go on, but I will just make the point that I hope this redistricting process the committee will take into consideration the specific neighborhoods in eugene and try as best you can to not put them between districts. I fully trust my colleagues to do the specifics of that work and I have every confidence that you will do everything in your power to make this a fair and balanced process where every we're going and who wants to be heard will be heard. And that leads me to a more global point that I'd like to make and that is I sincerely hope that the legislature is able to retain its role in the redistricting process as a legislator that spent a

lot of time going door to door during my campaigns. I have walked nearly every residential street in my district, and I think legislators are uniquely positioned to understand where the lines are that defined community that interest truly down to the block or the street. In many cases, i know exactly on what blocks and what apartment complexes people are most concerned about being able to for their housing. Where to three blocks where people are securely housed and are more concerned about other thing. I truly hope that when it comes to the process of redistricting, the most representative body can, is actually of the ninety person legislature, elected and accountable to their constituents. Thanks for me going over. I think I'm sure there's value in keeping neighborhoods together. Their value and legislators having a role in this process since we know or districts in our community so intimately. Thank you so much.

**Name:** Commissioner Sherry Sprenger, Linn County Commission

**Key Points:**

- Also concerned about construction of HD 11, some more rural residents don't feel represented
- Respecting communities of interest very important to redistricting process

**Transcript:** Thank you madam chair, members of the committee for the record. My name is Sherry springer. I am the commissioner for lynn county. And you mentioned earlier, former representative springer and I was serving in the legislature when read when the lines were drawn ten years ago. And I watched that process and thank you for all your work. It's really hard. It was hard then and I can't imagine how hard it is without census data. So kudos to you for doing the tough work. I'm glad that represent of will be talked about house district eleven, because that's what I want to talk about. The very south End of house district, seventeen votes up against house district eleven. And I years ago when I started having town halls after I became a legislator and no way I would have count halls all over my district and I would specifically have them in style. And I'll never forget the evening that a bunch of people that I didn't know came to my town hall. And that was very unusual. I knew the people in my town halls. And so I asked people to introduce themselves in the introduce themselves and they said, or not your constituents were from house district eleven, or they said the representatives name and we feel totally disenfranchised. So we come to your bells and they followed me for years. Coming to to my event, i don't think that's because they thought I was the most awesome legislator. I think they did that because they knew that I represented folks that had common interests that they had. And keep in mind some of those people in house district, seventeen, my district were suite home residence and some of those people in house district eleven down south or three home residents. And one further point to that is, I found out a few years after that there was actually a prominent woman in the town, sweet home, who was a bit of a mother and grandmother to minnie. And when there be an influx in a particular employer of new folks, and they would re register, she have this thing that she did with them. And again, I don't think this was about me. I think that was about people not feeling represented and feeling disenfranchised. And she would bring them all in and teach them or show them how to write my name in on the ballad for house district eleven. Well obviously that wasn't productive. That didn't work well, but it just further emphasizes that is main arterials are important. Rivers are important, but I got to tell people having common interest communities of interest is of paramount importance because we don't want anybody feeling disenfranchised.

**Name:** Chair Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Corvallis School Board

**Key Points:**

- Corvallis split into multiple districts, should try to keep municipalities and school districts together
- Remember racial and economic disparities during process

**Transcript:** Man, I'm chair and members of the committee. Thanks for having me. My name is Dawn and I'm the chair corvallis school board and also the presence of the school board members of color caucus. Today I am here presenting myself my school district serves two congressional districts. Our service communities in two congressional districts, four and five, and also two house districts fifteen and sixteen for dominantly sixteen. It is really difficult and challenging. What you want to advocate for your school districts. Are your community or municipality if your community is divided among to congressional our senate or house districts. And I believe that the challenge that I personally experience one of the things I want to mention is if there is a possibility to do that redistricting in a way to keep school districts and municipalities to gather as much as possible, that would be a criteria or an objective that will serve constituents who connect with their local representatives and also who wants to advocate for issues of common interests for their schools or cities. Another factor i want to mention is redistricting cannot be blind to make racial or economic disparities. You see those disparities in our housing, in our infrastructure, and in many ways we need to actively ask ourselves as a specific redistricting math exacerbate clinic racial or economic disparities or reduce it. Also, I want to encourage the use of technology and here I'm putting my technical has an offer my support as needed, where a technology is a combination tauriel optimization methods could help us draw districts and truly be representative of the needs of the community while shipping, as many criteria and as many objectives as possible and, and technology will healthy, redraw these maps in matter of minutes where probably ten years ago or twenty years ago, actually just taken hours or maybe in much sign. So I want to also emphasize another request which is without appropriate dia, it's going to be really hard to accomplish our objective. I understand the sensitivity of the deadline. And when people want a file to run for office is that kimber probably wants to know if they live in the district or not. However, I highly encourage that we rely on the most updated since it's possible when we draw math. And I believe that's very important as we embark in this process. I really, I thank you for your service and I want to actually echo representative say he that you are expert in this work because you people usually say politicians take their constituents by believe that here are generally interested and you know your communities and you have the expertise and experience in terms of serving your committee. So that's I want to say I trust you in the process. I thank you for your service and thank you for coming to testify this evening.

**Name:** Diana Wales, Roseburg/Douglas County

**Key Points:**

- Concerned that Roseburg is divided into three House districts, hard for residents to act unified or know representatives
- Supports independent redistricting commission

**Transcript:** My name is Diana wales. I live in roseburg, lori again, I appreciate this opportunity to submit comments regarding oregon redistricting process. Currently roseburg is divided among state house district, one, two, and seven. I happen to live in the very, very edge of house district one which is primarily coastal house district is also divided between senate districts one and two. This makes it very challenging for people to know who their state legislators are and for a unified voice from roseburg to

be reflected in the legislature. We are not the only community similarly divided among several districts. I've really enjoyed listening to the testimony and hearing that the difficulties are as bad or worse elsewhere. But these issues do need to be addressed in redistricting. I would like to advocate for redistricting to be responsibilities to be vested in an independent special commission with membership that includes citizens at large representatives of Public interest groups and particularly members of minority and under represented groups. Redistricting plans should be developed independently of the legislature the delayed us census present the challenge. I am glad that the legislature is seeking legal authority to a delay re district game to allow census data to be received and utilized. Using any other data source will likely lead to successful court challenges. However, the legislature can move ahead with setting up an independent commission along the lines of that proposed by the people not politicians. IP fifty seven, which was put forward in twenty twenty. So that things could move swiftly, once the census data is received. I am also intrigue as was the prior prior speakers mentioned about the potential for technology or computer I software to be a tool to assist in redistricting. Mean, it's not the answer, but it is definitely a tool, and I don't think it should be ignored. An independent commission appointed now could use the time between now and receipt of the census data to review the various software programs available and the parameters that should be considered. This technology has been used successfully in a number of other states and we would like, I'd like to see it happen here. Thank you for this opportunity to comment and thank you for this happening by zoom. I know it's not ideal for you all, but it's certainly wonderful for me. Thank you.

**Name:** Twila Jacobson, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Likes uniqueness of South Willamette Valley, blending of urban and rural communities
- Wants efforts to engage underrepresented communities in process

**Transcript:** My name is twyla jacobson, and my pronouns are she her hers and I live in eugene and retired from paid employment, but I'm still very busy. As you might imagine, here I am. I lived in lane county in twenty years and myself, my spouse and daughter moved here for work at the time, and it still is relatively high quality education for children. My daughter attended for a family school pleasant hill, middle School, and selfie jane international high School. She read or went to I. C. C, and the University of oregon. And I had a rewarding career in the public sector as an outreach and options counselor for senior and disability services where I got to meet many different people in both rural and urban areas. I've also taught a variety of economic courses as a part time instructor at lane community college. I am grateful that here in Oregon we have an open process regarding redistricting process that encourages public input and knowing that there are also checks and balances. If the legislature is not able to come to an agreement on district boundaries or runs out of time, which is problematic with the, with people needing to decide to run for office. Prop thorough public process enhances your ability to diminish possible rachel and racial inequities. An attempt to correct past attempts to diffuse voices of certain communities of interest. And there is a lot of special things about this lemma valley here where I live. One of my favorite things is the blending of rural concerns and issues with those of the more urban population. So communities of interests are important. And also a way to, to balance that with how people care about each other. And a lot of times people think of eugene area and just think of the new or bo, but it's certainly much larger than that. We're proud of the University and the resources and diversity it draws to our community. But it's also, we are truly a center in the southern and the Valley for

health Care and shopping and participation in cultural events. Please continue listening to the public and working hard to engage. Oregonians who are often overlooked when it comes to political participation and representation like low income and working over gone ins, black and indigenous people of color immigrants and non english speakers. While you wait presented to census data, please do not wait to be more deeply engaged. Thank you for giving us this opportunity.

**Name:** Rep. David Brock Smith, HD 1

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Cites lack of competitive seats in many areas

**Transcript:** I'm out of state representative david brock smith. I represent house district one which is the largest coastal house district in the state and southwest, oregon. And I, I sincerely appreciate this redistricting road show, so to speak that you are all undertaking you remember we did this with Education. We do this with carbon. And this too is a critical conversation that we need to have around the state in conversation with constituents and, and others redistricting is, is a, is a complicated animal as I know all of you know, very well being in the thick of this conversation. And so having the citizens engage on the level i've been listening for a little bit of time and having their, their conversations. And I must agree that an independent commission would be the best way forward for all oregonians. As you've heard many times this evening from all political walks of life, it seems. And so, especially when it comes to the opportunities that we have with potential new congressional district district in the state. You know, I understand When you look at my district it's kind of different. It's difficult to find new blue. Right. And if you look at the speaker kotex district or you maybe culture salinas, it's difficult to find new read. And so in your process, i'm sure in the process of the independent commission, they can carve to their best ability within the exhausting legal parameter, the surround redistricting process with regards to equity. And in other situations, we can have a process that moves forward, the benefits all oregonians. And so again, I commend you for the task that you have at hand committee for going around the state to listen to organizations. And I encourage all my colleagues to look forward with a redistricting model that has an independent commission knowing of course, if we're successful and moving forward with that, we'll have the data from the census in September. And then the commission can be appointed and get straight to work and and move forward with the information that we all need. Thank you, coach or salinas and coach, or taylor and colleagues for the opportunity to speak to you this evening.

**Name:** Marie Bowers, Coburg/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Concerned about construction of HD 11 and how it reaches into central Eugene
- Urban based legislator may not be able to adequately represent rural concerns
- Supports independent redistricting commission

**Transcript:** Chair salinas taylor invite your boss are davis notes. My name is Mary bowers and my pronoun is rural. My dignity is based on land that myself and family has farm for over one hundred years. It is currently the same land i'm raising the seven generation on. I mean, communities are more than just where business is headquartered, or where your mailbox caps is. It is a rural lifestyle and a culture spawn being depended upon the land in the symbol of the terms rural, oregon is a community of common interest. It should not be divided into pieces or title the closest urban area because it makes

numbers work. Especially when those numbers silences silence or voices. I currently reside in houses, your leaven incident districts. House district level isn't as mary and campuses our entire farm and goes from lebanon down across will take much of gro, lynn and wayne county. However, when it comes to elections, entire district is controlled by three year been precinct saying who the University of oregon and south eugene ivory, past decades, election styles cycles in the district. And every single time it is decided by those precincts. If that is not jerry manor, manipulating the boundaries of toil since that you see. So as a fair one for your class, maybe we need a new definition of that. I know it's confusing a mini urban legislators as why a rural me does not think I'm that community of common interest with the or other urban centers. But the truth is that our priority simply do not match like it or not. There is an urban rural divide our paycheck. So nessa come every two weeks in rural areas. And the paychecks usually vary depending on whether pess yield and price. An urban legislator is not fully going to understand the impacts of particular bills or laws on our job of managing land, particularly when he or she has urban that you would please is also just like a rural constituent or a rural area. They may not fully understand the urban issues. This is a value of Public transit for advice. And quite frankly, it's been exhausting to have a representative elected by the you though, and then they continually mock and talk down your way of life and your current situation. Independent mission, a foreign person, please call just to make sure they are we all voice is fairly heard and that's already thank you for your time.

**Name:** Gaby Gardiner, Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Remember importance of indigenous communities, especially in Eugene area

**Transcript:** My name is gabby gardener. My pronouns are the than theirs. And I live in lane county coroner's congressional district for I work for the oregon student association, but I am not representing them today. I'm just here as a member of the community. So I come from a multi ethnic background and I was raised by my mother and only occasionally reconnected with my fault, my father, throughout my adolescent years, due to wavering addiction in my early childhood, during a holiday trip to me, my family and idaho. I had a culture shock at the age of twelve, realizing my family members and my father's, i didn't look like me through history. Indigenous children have lost their touch or been physically, or spiritually distanced with their culture due to colonial structures like blood quantum forest removal, boarding schools and much more going to school at uva was no easy feat. As a first generation college student, I often had to walk my mom through a complicated, faster form or do that myself when she didn't have time or patients. College is a crucial place for identity development, but it was also home to unveiling and unpacking a lot of intergenerational trauma services were often overbooked and when I got appointments i couldn't find a therapist that met my unique gender and cultural needs. If it weren't for the long house and a center for multicultural, academic excellence, see me. I likely wouldn't have finished school and still had fifty thousand dollars in debt. The native american retention specialist, stephanie sat me down and analyzed my gray patterns. She put me on a rigorous degree route with the philosophy department, long term plans to embark and law school actually. So I chose actually a vocation in the nonprofit sector as I shared, which she still gives me beef to this day. But I got my bachelor's and landed a decent job with Better benefits than any other family member that I've had could ever afford right now. Which is unfortunate. This is the importance of spaces like the native american youth and family center in Portland. The travel recognize the long houses at the University of oregon and link community college and other related programs and spaces. It provides a source of energy in their generational healing for urban indigent youth. And an important reason why live into in

eugene to the stay there is also an expensive community in eugene that benefits from the spaces. The mother's day powwow. Which I think it's on it's fifty second anniversary, brings dancers from all across the country, from eugene and or to eugene springfield, to buy beadwork, enjoy in the tackles or fry bread and admire the sacred dances and songs of our people. There is a long network of indigenous community in eugene who stay to make sure that the food is prepped for potlucks and isn't as leaders are productive for planning large events like powwow and intentional academic services are provided for by box students. So this redistricting community and what you all are working for something that's really important for my community and development. And I want you to hear this story and really know the importance of the work you're doing. And thank you so much for your time.

**Name:** Katie Boshart Glaser, Lebanon/Linn County

**Key Points:**

- Concerned about construction of HD 11 and how largely rural district stretches central Eugene
- Supports independent redistricting commission to combat concerns about unfairness

**Transcript:** My name is Katie bos, glaser, and I'm a farmer between lebanon and brownsville. Redistricting comes along every ten years. Like many I believe it to be the most important issue this year. We, the people should be the ones to choose, are elected officials or elected officials should not choose. Our districts are supposed to be drawn in a way so that communities of common interests are together. That makes complete sense, but it doesn't always happen this way. There are very prominent people on both sides of the aisle at both state and federal level that are outspoken about how this job needs to be independent and non partisan. They say they, it should not be done by our partisan elected officials over seventy percent of oregonian want this to happen in twenty sixteen have already made the change both red and Blue state I ran for elected office in house district eleven. This district is Jerry manard, plain and simple, much of the district is rule farmland, but also includes exactly three precinct precincts in the heart of the University of oregon campus that by nearly every measure has nothing in common with the rest of the district. What does a hard working, blue colored person living in brownsville, have in common with a student at you though that quite possibly didn't grow up in Oregon. The frustration and hopelessness i heard from the constituents of aged eleven was overwhelming. I'd like to share some of those comments from the people of my district. Many said they don't go anymore because it doesn't matter. They felt disenfranchised that this system is so rig there is no point. They feel that their voice is no longer heard and that they are being silenced, even worse. They believe it was coordinated and purposeful to silence role voices and keep that district blue voter suppression is real and it was by design the current system of legislators. She was in the electorate is broken, something broke when a district like h. D eleven, was drawn. And I can only imagine that this was not the only one. You won't hear me agree much with my twenty twenty opponent often, but his testimony was bought on tonight. I believe redistricting hasn't been done right or fairly in a very long time. This job needs to be handed off to an independent non partisan commission. It is a conflict of interest to have elected officials drawing their own lines. We are living in the mess this conflict of interest created. Our state is very divided. You have a chance to give hope back to millions of oregonians. You have a chance to start this next, next decade of government being fair and representative in the eyes of the voters because of the situation. Cobra has put us in. This is a perfect tier to take redistricting out of the hands of the legislature and allow and independent non partisan commission. The timeline actually works. It seemed

to me the only people who would be against this change the people are trying to hold tight to their power. Please give hope into the will of the people. Thank you for your time.

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### ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 2 – April 10, 12:00 PM

**Name:** Sen. Floyd Prozanski, SD 4

**Key Points:**

- Reiterates concerns about certain communities in district being divided
- Notes that a community have multiple representatives may be positive in some circumstances

**Transcript:** Thank you, man, co chairs, vice chairs and committee members. My name is slight brozowski. I am the center that service for the district for the senate side. That is part of lane and douglas County. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to make a few comments this morning. As the co chair tailor stated yesterday with the supreme court decision, this committee and the legislature will have an opportunity to do the work that is required by us by law and under the constitution filed that we will move basking quick. We definitely have our work cut out and course the committee. I want to thank you for continue to meet and getting ready for whatever decision the court made. Now the balls in our court and it's time for us to act as we know, community of interest is a key point of what we have to be looking at. And during the redistricting and in twenty eleven, when I had the opportunity to serve on the committee, when found ourselves at times, looking at how do we make certain that we've seen communities of interest together. As you heard last time when we had the hearing before this committee for this congressional district for represent wholly said that some points, sometimes they are individuals that will be upset because of how the lines are drawn. I recognize that happening and twenty oh one where the communities benita and are all inter toil highway to which was a county highway were do I didn't to current lease in the district and I represent the community of pleasant hill is also divided, but there is divided because of a major boundary, meaning one of the demarcation says highways. So highway fifty eight goes through the community. Pleasant hill. On the north and south side, you have a different representation. So maybe there's a plus there for them. They actually end up having two representatives as well as two sinners representing their interests. So as you do your work, I hope that you find it not only challenging but rewarding. And thank you very much for all the time that you will be putting in, in concert. And we have an opportunity as the state legislature to do our job and draw the boundaries there actually, and hopefully keeping as many communities inches together as possible. Thank you for your time.

**Name:** Rep. David Brock Smith, HD 1

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission

**Transcript:** Think your minimum chair and colleagues stay representative david brooks smith house district one which encompasses everything from charleston down to South coast to brookings harbor,

over to West cape junction. Up west, i five, two, a looking glass in West roseburg and then back around cruz bay and all of the wonderful communities in between arguably the most beautiful district in the state of oregon. And I want to echo some of my good colleague senator presents he's comments with regards to community of interest. I believe that in my district as an example, I have communities of interest within house district one. Unfortunately, I don't believe that that is always the case. And sometimes, as I've testified in front of you before, that can't be the case. I want to really focus on the issue of jeremy rendering. Madam chair and colleagues and the fact that what I have heard prior to, and in following the input and your committees, there has been an overwhelming bipartisan citizen driven support for an independent commission to move forward to assist the legislature in making sure that we have communities of interest, making sure that we have the possibility for these districts to be drafted in a way that follows the law. Not to say that my colleagues are working towards the same. I'm excited about the decision that was handed down by our colleagues in the supreme court just yesterday. This is a great opportunity for us. And I sincerely appreciate this outrage especially in this virtual world redistricting as a situation and of course happening every ten years. And, and I know that all of you know better than I and the difficulty in the conversations with the average citizens that we have within our individual districts in getting them to engage and understand. It's not like legislation that we're dealing with with regards to child care or care or community Health or other issues that we have before us that that really impacts the day to day lives of our citizens. But when in conversations with those citizens and once the scope in understanding of redistricting is given and They are very impacted by that ma'am. Chairs and colleagues and so I request respectfully, actually I I challenge my colleagues. Did you hear the timer go ahead and finish. Thank you for the courtesy. I challenge my colleagues to listen to the citizens of the state that are giving you the overwhelming bipartisan and request to form the independent commission and haven't prepared and the commission ready to go by the end of this legislature. The special session so that they can they can do their work and have their work finished by the time that the supreme court has said, I'm sure, thank you. Okay, thank you very much.

**Name:** Rep. Lily Morgan, HD 3

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerned that multiple representatives and senators represent a relatively small community, reasons for dividing lines not always clear

**Transcript:** teacher taylor and tear salinas and vice chairs. Nope, and boss davis is a cope. I. I just thank you for the time and I know our time is limited today. I represent house district three, which is the heart of joseph county. But interestingly through previous legislative map drawing, i have four other representatives and three senators that represent my small, eighty five thousand people. I always thought it was just two and four. But recently through looking at that map more closely, i learned that senator is golden and represented marsh. I have a slice of just about five or six streets in my county as well. Representative david brock smith who spoke just before me. He is a hundred and twenty three miles away from part of my community of cape junction that we both represent. And it's very interesting to me how representative belief in roseburg has all the way down to merlin, in parts of the northern part of my county of representative stark and I share grand pass and he goes over to the eagle point in central point and then represent mars all the way to ashland, forty five miles away comes all the way in to get these numbers. Not all of those are of like minded or similar groups. But I think the key is, is that when we're looking at this, we need to see the fairness involved. I like what president brock obama said.

When he said, I think we've got to end the practice of drawing our congressional district. So the politicians can pick their voters and not the other way around. Letter, bipartisan group do it. And he said that in two thousand and sixteen. And I can say that from the citizens, i've talked to the constituents in my area. That's something that's very important to them that they want to pick their legislators. They don't want the legislators to big them. A lot of things that we've been hearing in this legislative session have to do with us aligning with other states. Just recently, there was one about refrigeration units in how those are in our buildings and we have to get things the same with washington in California. I'd love to have our time zone be fixed with them as well, so they can join us in getting rid of the daylight savings time. But they haven't joined us. But they've done something ahead of us and that they both have their processes of creating independent commissions to oversee the redistricting rather than relying on the partisan legislature. And so I would encourage us, you as a body to make that recommendation that we have a non partisan advocacy group that can focus on the re district team for fairness that none of us could influence. I'll give you one example they say to stick with highways representative in stark and I are our ways go back and forth and there's different streets in our area that literally one side of the road is me. One side is the other is his and it's not based on highways, it's random st. So many people had my signs up in the campaign that were in his district and vice versa. And people don't know who they voted for. So thank you for your time today. And I just got a text from representative, right, that he is waiting in the lobby to be leaded, so he may be one of those as well. So thank you so much. Thank you for your efforts on this Saturday. Blessing to you all.

**Name:** Rep. Boomer Wright, HD 9

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Rural and urban areas are different, have their own concerns

**Transcript:** I am a representative over right from district, from Florida to Coach from Blue say all the way up to my constituents. And I believe that oregon buddhist should be able to choose their publications. Politicians shouldn't choose their voters far as I'm sure that's a conflict of interest in a role. Brownie should not be superseded. Superceded or overshadowed by large metro areas. We are our own people and we're very independent resilient. And we'd like to stay that way. We are asking for a non parson, independent emission to draw the lines to ensure transparency, airline, not jerry mander, just, he's definitely our president in. No, it has since his data. We shouldn't pass legislation to get responsibility out of that. And our legislators and into non partisan independent edition competitive electors are not only fair to both parties, but they are all mark healthy and be mature democracy. I know what works and some districts doesn't always work and every district. So current situation may, may be impossible to achieve service, put out political jeremiah and committee. I appreciate you your work so far. Thank you for that. I asked you to consider to make this committee on partisan and just fishing. We thank you to make sure that we're all represented in Oregon. Thank you for your time.

**Name:** Jeremy Van Tress, Corvallis/Benton County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission

**Transcript:** My name is Dr. Jeremy and I really currently we've been working for the congressional district. I am a person living with the my intro. Take lateral teaching my service in, but the night i'm sorry, which is why I am using this, each generating device to speak with you today. Please type

everything i'd say ahead of time. I am, they can get started for the day because this committee has responsibility and rotates fairly for legislators, according to more space. As you know, this process is highly politicized with massive electrical implications to students. I am testifying today to say how many members based on this trip can consider three priorities. I consider it again if the commission to establish boundary independent re district information kept in support of our patient in order for the country checking at each member of this community in good shape, mitigate or mentoring i find it interesting that over time five per cent filters are not affiliated with any political party, and yet the correction oregon state legislature. We enjoy the super for the, for the last decade. Currently, really, morgan aggression is friends. Area, which I doubt it balances the graphics divide. Elation of com images is not going take it with. Finally, when we did start from away with the current boundary show representation to all of your constituents, it leads to consider these pointing redistricting efforts. Thanks for considering my testimony. I look forward to seeing how the state house can carry about this part of the process for everyone residing in Oregon. Additionally, thanks for serving our beautiful state. I recognize that each of you make sacrifices we serve. Thank you.

**Name:** Scott Hendrickson, Vernita/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Concerned about make up of HD 8, very divided between urban and rural areas
- Try to keep school districts in area together and focus on transportation links

**Transcript:** My name is Scott hendrickson, i live in the city of benita, in lane county, benita and the corporate area surrounding fern ridge reservoir are referred to as the firm ridge area. They are directly west of eugene and our part of congressional district for and house district eight. The urban portion, the house district gate encompass is two very distinct areas. One urban and the other predominantly rural. The urban portion include south central eugene, home to a six, a high School and fifteen hundred students. The University of oregon student housing district, eugene public library, bike paths and I td's main, transit. Hum, predominantly rural area is much different. The biggest high School has less than four hundred students. Public transit and biplanes are rare. A resident of the University of oregon student housing district would have to change buses three times to get to veneto. You literally can't take I T D bus to the western border of the district, which is an old creek bridge on the edge of the size of the National forest, halfway to the coast, the rural part of the district border. Several other small lane county cities cross one cottage grove in the South in junction city on the north. It includes all of the firm ridge and cro, applegate lorraine, as well as parts of for j. Bethel, south lane, cross wealth in Johnson City school districts. The to desperate areas of house, district eight are not communities of interest. When I look at the size of house district date, I can't help but see how misaligned it is. When drawing districts, it seems logical to give the area of house district aid that surrounds cottage grove to house district seven and grant the area around cross well to house district eleven. Looking at the previously mentioned school district boundary, it should serve as a guide to determine where those lines should be drawn. Then with the other rural area, the firm range area added to the house, district fourteen as it borders to the north and northeast junction city. And the furniture area, our communities of interest, this realignment will help unify the vessel injection city school districts. In order to make up population for district dates simply add a few more blocks and eugene, thus acknowledging another community of interest, making these changes would help create better district boundaries that are continuous, equal population use, existing geographic or political boundaries. Don't divide communities of interest and are

connected by transportation links as defined in or s one, eighty eight, zero, one zero. Thank you for your time.

**Name:** Nicole De Graff, Springfield/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Feels her Springfield area district is gerrymandered and underrepresents rural community

**Transcript:** So for the record, my name is Nicole d graphs. I live on the market in springfield boundary. I appreciate the opportunity to give to so simple perspective on the re districting issue. As a public charter school board member, i've observed, i've observed the diversity of families across the district. I just noticed a few different things for one, my legislator, my state rep, received thirty percent of the rural vote and I have at times felt our values and community interest do not align. And I heard from other people in my district as well. The same thing, while I respect all legislators who served the public, i feel, jerry mander districts are at the root of walk out, because sometimes people like me and other lang region, an urban district feel kind of ignored. We have different needs that are urban counterparts and so we tend to look elsewhere for representation. So my thoughts are the best way to foster trust and less than the debate on the urban, rural divide is to have an independent commission who will help create the new district line I. I really feel that are going in there, probably more evenly divided than the current lines demonstrate. You know, I was looking at the two thousand and sixteen secretary of state rates as well as the Governor's race. And it signifies to me the lines are too far apart. So I just feel like there's many voices who are asking for people over politicians approach to the redistricting process. And I'm asking that you can, I ask that you will seriously consider resolution seven to create a citizen through district and committee. And that's about it. Thanks for your time.

**Name:** Joe Buford, Douglas County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerned about urban rural divide, would support reexamining equal population requirement for districts

**Transcript:** hi, my name is Joe buford. I live in looking glass in the South part of the South, West valley. I need agreeing with representative brock smith representing boomer and several other people to talk about a mission and non pharmacy on setting the fortune. And I also have another thing i'd like to talk about did you know that within the state of oregon there are areas in eastern oregon district thirty specifically where one senator represents not portions of nine counties and the portland metro areas represented by eleven senators. I believe that many folks not involved in the enforcement process would be surprised to learn that the state senate, a fortune and process and the federal senate supporting the office are not the same. The federal process is by states that is by the state process as mandated. Nineteen sixty four by the rentals versus sim street. Your decision is by population. Therefore, the state people's house and the state senate are fortune in the same way that's deluding or even eliminating the influence of rural counties and the legislative process. Imagine my surprise when I contacted sen brock smith or I'm sorry, I represent the rock smith on this and found out that there's actually a feel in Oregon to address this to this house resolution nine. I'm not surgery. Can be this address on the face level as it is based on a soda decision. I'm gratified not to be the only person seeing

this, however. The founding fathers had this rural urban divide very much in mind. When the constitution was amended this was ratified and the first session was in 1787, as well as the framers and John, from the constitutional life. The divide between the wishes of the population centers and the much less dense population. And the countryside was very much on their mind. Examples off the top of my head of the makeup of the congress by chambers with the house of representatives as the people house and show the based on population. The senate, on the other hand, is divided by the constitution as comprised of two senators per state, state period. Then you can take a look at the electoral college and the way it keeps the population centers from rounding out the influence of the less populated states. You can also look how the president is decided if there's not a majority of electors currently two hundred seventy three in the past for each state gets one vote in the house by state. I'm certainly you guys could come up with many more, nine hundred sixty four, the supreme court, the warren court decided in response to reynolds versus sims, that the, how much the portion the population on there for and I think it's in error. So thank you all for listening and I appreciate your time

**Name:** Duncan Murray, Eugene/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Whitaker area in Lane County is different than Eugene and Santa Clara, belongs to a different community of interest

**Transcript:** My name is duncan murray. I live in ne eugene congressional district for and house district thirteen house district thirteen is currently made up of three separate areas. Ne, eugene, santa clara, and whittaker, ne, eugene and Santa clara have much in common. They are a community of interest. They are typically families, some retired people, but most mostly younger families who are concerned with with things such, such schools and playgrounds and other family related issues. Whittaker is a completely different excuse to a younger demographic. It has what? Three microbreweries, three distilleries. It's a gathering place for young people and that's fine as city should have that. But it doesn't belong with the communities of interest of ne eugene and Santa clara. That's all I have to say and I thank you for your time.

**Name:** Ruby Haack, Eugene/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Remember communities of interest during redistricting, long income families and students deserve representation
- Supports starting redistricting process using existing data before Census data arrives in August

**Transcript:** My name is Ruby hart. My pronounce or she her and I live in lane county district for I'm currently a freshman at the University of oregon and I love living in eugene. However, as a new resident of lame county, i have noticed how housing and food insecurity has been inflicting both my peers and greater community. At school I work as it's not been by staring out. My peers get connected with snap resources. As a profit organ, student member, and someone who is raised on snap benefits, I understand how important the role government a place in leaving from stress on low income families. Good insecurity is prevalent among college campuses across the country, and disproportionately targets marginalized students. Specifically, students of bi parkins, transgender communities, wayne county of homed over twenty thousand college students from university of oregon alone and thirty six percent of

all university of oregon students experienced in security. And of course, with covenant pain, these disparities are only expected to grow larger. Throughout this process, I believe these three key things to be at the forefront of consideration impacted communities need to be centered in the process and outcome organ. Voters have implemented backs up to this exact kind of situation and feeling represented in your district. A community of interest refers to a group of people with comments or concerns that may be affected by legislation. Examples of communities of interest include ethnic, racial and economic groups, but it is important to note intersectionality of this issue. As marginalized communities are disproportionately affected by food and housing and Security. Currently, with the content concern of speeding and housing when families it can be increasingly difficult to find extra time to voice one's needs. That's why it is imperative that low income families and students are provided reliable representation and are provided with the resources they need to vote for policies on their own behalf. This comes with Safe housing, reliable food sources and an address in which they can vote. We don't have to only rely on census data redistricting, oregon had great resources like the p S. U population research center to start considering important data like the American community survey, school districts and housing developments. This can give us a chance to start the process before the census data is available and then reengaged. The community with maps made using census data. Oregon have the History of discrimination against by pop folks. We know that by pot communities have voted as blocks, ensuring this continues is of the most important. It should be noted that not having any examples of maps makes this process more difficult, giving something concrete look at would help the community engage. I look forward to working with this community organ legislator and are can unities to ensure that redistricting engages the food and housing insecure students and other members of the lane, county community. And that responds to our growing needs. The legislators process for engaging or communities and redistricting is going to be critical. Thank you very much for your time and work on this issue. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you.

**Name:** Albert LePage, Eugene/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Supports current redistricting process, don't have time to thoroughly consider alternative process

**Transcript:** First. Thank you all for your efforts in carrying out the challenging task of redistricting before you. Democracy can be messy. It can be inefficient reads far from perfect. So the sincere intention to act in good faith to respond to the reality of the current situation and to draw the lines of redistricting with the ideal of fairness and equality in mind is essential to the task at hand. The idea of an independent commission, rather than legislative committee, legislative committees to take charge of the task of redistricting this year has been suggested. But I am not here today to argue for or against such an independent commission. But to simply offer this, we are living in historic times in Oregon, impacted by a global pandemic, economic issues, social interest, and last year, devastating wildfires. And this is a short legislative session with many priorities to address and less and less time to do so. And legislators are dealing with a challenging what could be called a messy situation. So given the importance of redistricting given other pressing legislative priorities and the need to get the task of redistricting done as best you can. This to me is simply not the time to rush forward on any idea for an independent commission. Redistricting is a significant democracy. Such a proposed idea. Likewise requires significant time for serious reflection, respectful discussion and rational debate. Finally, therefore, was little time and more pressing work in this session. I whole heartedly support the current approach to redistricting

and I simply asked legislators to focus their time, energy and efforts on the work at hand versus being spent on pursuing the idea of an independent commission, especially at this historic moment. I see this is the best way forward right now to serve both the current historic situation upon us and the people of Oregon. Thank you for listening and again, thank you for your efforts in drawing the lines towards best serving everyone in our state.

**Name:** Marie Bowers, Coburg/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Concerned about make up of HD 11, should be just Eugene area or more rural area
- Believes Pleasant Hill and Hwy 58 area should be in one district, not multiple

**Transcript:** Reading chairs taylors, Leah's base chairs, open ballpark, Davis and committee members. For the record, my name is Marie Bowers. My pronouns are rural and farmer. I live in the over area. Rational district for the district system six houses, eleven. My family has been farming in landline county for over a hundred years and is located in the city. I've been engaged with local politics. Most of the less I have previously testified in front of many. But I wanted to follow up on a couple things and trying to offer some solutions and for the record fielding independent distribution as a month. Again, I wanted to offer some solution for the house that you love. In my previous testimony, I was really critical of my representative and I already but after hearing testimony and say I have to live in is Jerry mannered in the lines. Don't make sense. I just wanted to come on the record to say, friends, odyssey, but not very often do we agree in that time we did I also wanted to highlight some of the things that I could have had happen to improve the house that you love and my bottom line is you to make house to live in a university or district or make it a rural district in company encompassing most of east lake county. And part of when you were to draw a feel of and that is university of Oregon, a district I would take the three precincts in a live in currently that are e, C, g, as a student. How often stadium currently in ac, thirteen and parts of Jason to be those three precincts, higher ed eden housing have floated around central and south gene for an all rural aged eleven. I would add the areas around crystal to master school district boundaries. Currently, digital at it only include the city limits and splitting up the community. I would at all who area. And in twenty ten, the lines were drawn to split up this me right down the middle of highway, sixty eight and stem a claim that was drawn opponents, but I don't know and only got really knows that so and also to include highway one, twenty six, the area that is currently housed, it makes no sense to have more than one district. And the small means all identify as a view, beautiful river identify with the beautiful river. Especially now that they are going to recovery after Labor Day fire. That would be important for them to have one voice representing them to be feeling more population I would as the home and give the northern part of Lynn county in feel of the AC fifteen or seventeen and we make these changes and match the balls are be set forth in laws against contiguous, equal unpopular playstation and utilize existing g, G O G or g geography and political boundaries. And it doesn't divide communities with common interests and connected by transportation. Again, you want to offer those solutions to get them on record and hopefully we can come up with some districts that aren't very maynard, thanks very much.

**Name:** Gabrielle Guidero, Springfield/Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Thinks current makeup of HD 12 is correct, would add areas within Springfield urban growth boundary to it if needed (currently in HD 11)
- Argues Eugene is overrepresented by being in parts of three HDs, would suggest including it only in one or two

**Transcript:** My name is Gabrielle Guidero. I live in the Springfield area, congressional district for and currently moving from house district twelve to eleven. I lived in Lynn County for thirty four years. I've been involved with local politics for most of my adult life, helping with my major and other local elections. I have served on several boards and commissions as well. So I am pleased to be able to testify today on redistricting speaking generally about the house districts and Lane County. I have always felt like they could be drawn in a better way. First, I will start with the district that I feel is one hundred percent correct. That's district twelve, which is all the city limits of Springfield, but from seeing your presentation and population shifts, HD twelve will need more population added. I would add all of the areas in the Springfield urban growth boundary, currently in house district eleven. That land will eventually become the city limits of Springfield. Then the true more rural districts that are partially Lane County, HD seven and nine. See mostly fine. However, looking at Eugene, I would like to make the point that you, the city of Eugene is vastly over represented in four separate districts. Currently I view HD eight, eleven, thirteen, and fourteen as Eugene centric districts, all the representatives that currently represented those districts live in Eugene. A generation of these districts in two thousand and eleven. Every representative has lived in New Jane from these four districts. And looking at just purely numbers from the estimated population of Eugene, including in a corporate lots in the River Road Sinclair area. It's about one hundred ninety five thousand looking again at year population ship presentation. It states that the Oregon health districts, our average population estimate is sixty eight thousand eight hundred thirty. That ought to be in each district. Of course, depending on new census data, if you divide one hundred ninety five thousand by sixty thousand eight hundred thirty, roughly, you get roughly two point eight house districts. So for house districts from Eugene seems a little over represented to me and appeared to disproportionately disenfranchised world voters. Looking at those four districts, I see a common design of scooping out areas of dense population and traversing into rural or less dense areas, lumping them all under a single representative, while still getting urban Eugene a controlling percentage of voters. I understand this is a tough job, but I would really implore you to keep the district as compact as possible in Eugene and look at natural boundaries such as a planet river. When drawing on the north and south part of Eugene making these changes would help create better district boundaries that more clearly represent communities of common interest will still following the rest of the statutory guidelines. Thank you for your time.

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## WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 1 – March 16, 5:30 PM

**Name:** Brad Vanek, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Keep rural and metropolitan zones/suburbia separated

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234984>

**Name:** D. Clark, resident, District 4

**Key Points:**

- Urges the Legislature to create an independent citizens' advisory commission
- Supports the Legislature using this year's session to propose for the 2022 ballot a Constitutional amendment creating a citizens' redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234719>

**Name:** Diana Wales, resident, Roseburg

**Key Points:**

- Supports redistricting be done by an independent special commission
- Roseburg is divided among HD 1, 2, and 7; and between SD 1 and 4, which makes it challenging for people to know who represents them and to have a unified voice

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235133>

**Name:** Dick Darst, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Plan must be transparent, bipartisan and use the best possible data
- Wait until the census data is available

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234718>

**Name:** Gaby Gardiner, resident, Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Voices of impacted communities should be at the center of the redistricting process
- Ensure that communities feel represented in their districts
- Use reliable data sets like the ACS and PSU population center
- The indigenous population is a community of interest in Eugene

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235313>

**Name:** Gordon and Gail Culbertson, residents, Springfield

**Key Points:**

- Support House Joint Resolution 7, independent redistricting commission
- Rural regions should be combined, separating them from the City of Eugene

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234941>

**Name:** Hillary Kittleson, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Encourages the Legislature make use of an independent commission to recommend district boundaries

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235481>

**Name:** Janice Reid, resident, Roseburg

**Key Points:**

- Gerrymandering needs to be eliminated
- Utilizing redistricting software will make it more difficult to gerrymander districts

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235241>

**Name:** Jill Litzsinger, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Supports a nonpartisan, independent commission to draw the lines to ensure transparency, fair lines and non-gerrymandered districts
- Feels that rural voices are not heard over Portland

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234716>

**Name:** Michael S. (Mike) Berry, resident, CD 4, SD 1, and HD 2

**Key Points:**

- Supports the creation of an independent nonpartisan commission to accomplish the task of redistricting

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/233786>

**Name:** Patricia Sherman, resident, Roseburg

**Key Points:**

- Supports the creation of a citizen’s redistricting commission
- Oregon should wait to make a citizen’s redistricting commission until the federal government passes legislation assuring fair redistricting

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/233786>

**Name:** R.K. Smith, District 4

**Key Points:**

- Urges the Legislature to create an independent citizens’ advisory commission
- Supports the Legislature using this year’s session to propose for the 2022 ballot a Constitutional amendment creating a citizens’ redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235240>

**Name:** Russ Karow, resident, Congressional District 4

**Key Points:**

- Urges the Legislature to create an independent citizens’ advisory commission
- Supports the Legislature using this year’s session to propose for the 2022 ballot a Constitutional amendment creating a citizens’ redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234985>

**Name:** Sarah Brown, resident, Linn County

**Key Points:**

- Supports an independent, nonpartisan commission to draw the lines for redistricting

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235045>

**Name:** We Draw Oregon

**Key Points:**

- Urge the committee to stop the public hearings and develop a public information campaign that outlines Oregon’s redistricting process
- Recommend the state launch the campaign three month before the release of the census data
- Give eight weeks to prepare once the census data is available to develop testimony and maps

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235142>

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**WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 2 – April 10, 12:00 PM**

**Name:** Albert LePage, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Support the current approach to redistricting; do not spend time pursuing the idea of an independent commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239178>

**Name:** Carolyn Webb, resident, Corvallis

**Key Points:**

- Supports House Joint Resolution 7, independent, nonpartisan commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238927>

**Name:** Charles Scott Davis, resident, Lebanon

**Key Points:**

- Support for a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission
- Separate southern Linn County and Eugene (University of Oregon). These two areas do not share the same lifestyle and concerns

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238991>

**Name:** Estella Bitney, resident, Philomath

**Key Points:**

- Urban and rural issues are not the same

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238777>

**Name:** Gabrielle Guidero, resident, Springfield

**Key Points:**

- Add all of the areas in the Springfield Urban Growth Boundary to HD 12 from HD 11
- Keep the districts of Eugene as compact as possible by using natural boundaries, such as the Willamette River

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239374>

**Name:** George Dern, resident, Linn County

**Key Points:**

- Separate the rural areas from the city of Eugene

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236198>

**Name:** Gordon and Gail Culbertson, residents, Springfield

**Key Points:**

- Support House Joint Resolution 7, independent redistricting commission
- Rural regions should be combined, separating them from the City of Eugene

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238926>

**Name:** JE Hamer, resident, Linn County

**Key Points:**

- Support for a bipartisan redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239373>

**Name:** Joe Buford, resident, Lookingglass

**Key Points:**

- Constituent believes that rural counties are not equally heard in the legislative process.
- Advocates for action to be taken so that state legislatures conform to the Federal bicameral model: the House by population and the Senate by geography
- Support for HJR 9

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239194>

**Name:** Joe Bullard, resident, Scio

**Key Points:**

- Support for an independent redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239130>

**Name:** John H. Detweiler, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Concerned about gerrymandering

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238992>

**Name:** LaRece Rivera, resident, Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Put community members who will be impacted by this process upfront
- Urge the committee to use multiple sources of information/data to start the process
- Should not discriminate against BIPOC people

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239177>

**Name:** Lisa Trask, resident, Linn County

**Key Points:**

- Rural areas are underrepresented

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238778>

**Name:** Marie Bowers, resident, Coburg

**Key Points:**

- Make HD 11 a University of Oregon/Eugene district or make it a rural district

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239668>

**Name:** Michael Quiner, resident, Albany

**Key Points:**

- Support for an independent redistricting committee

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/237033>

**Name:** Peggy Collins, resident, Albany

**Key Points:**

- Support for a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239375>

**Name:** Rachel Kloor, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Believes Santa Clara is a community of interest
- Santa Clara is currently split between HD 13 and HD 14

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239376>

**Name:** Rachel Lytle, resident, Linn County

**Key Points:**

- Support for a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission
- Linn County, HD 15, goes into part of Benton County; Linn County has no real connection with Benton County politically or values and beliefs

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238632>

**Name:** Rose Kaler, resident, Lebanon

**Key Points:**

- Support for a nonpartisan independent redistricting commission
- Linn County, HD 11, goes into part of Lane County; Linn County has no real connection with Lane County politically or values and beliefs

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238206>

**Name:** Ruby Haack, resident, Lane County

**Key Points:**

- Impacted communities need to be centered in the process and outcome
- Imperative that low-income families and students are provided reliable representation
- Use other data like from the PSU Population Research Center, ACS, school districts, and housing developments

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239175>

**Name:** Sophia Bowie-McCoy, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Support for an independent redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235700>

**Name:** Steve Myers, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Supports a House District comprising all the Coastal communities plus Corvallis
- The Coast is a community of interest
- Eugene and Corvallis shouldn't be in the same district

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239669>

**Name:** Steven H Sprenger, resident, Shedd

**Key Points:**

- Each county shall have 2 Senators
- Each county shall be represented by at least 1 Representative, the Representative's vote equals that percent of the county's population divided by the state of Oregon's population

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/238378>

**Name:** Susan Palsbo, resident, Eugene

**Key Points:**

- Believes that Senate District 4 and 7 violate two of the district boundary criteria; “do not divide community of common interest” and “communities within the district be connected by transportation links”
- Move the boundaries to coincide with Eugene’s city limits
- Support for an independent citizens’ redistricting commission

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239233>

**Name:** Terry Robertson, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Support for an independent redistricting committee

**Written Testimony Link:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/239176>