

## Congressional District 1 – 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 1. 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 13 are the oral remarks received during the March 9 and March 20 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 22 and 24 are summaries of written comments received during for the public hearing on March 9 and March 20. 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	
76		76	Portland should not share district with rural/coastal areas to the west
49		49	Give rural areas a voice in government
18	8	10	Create an independent commission on redistricting
9	9		Washington County experiencing tremendous rate of growth/diversity
8		8	Do not use gerrymandering to create new legislative districts
8	6	2	Ensure representation in redistricting process for BIPOC/marginalized
4		4	Use supplemental data while waiting for official Census data
3	3		Boundaries between HD 23 and HD 24
2	2		Create a single coastal congressional district
2	2		Comments related to CD 5
2		2	Keep Columbia County separate from Multnomah/Washington/Yamhill
2		2	Do NOT use supplemental data to draw new maps
2		2	Oppose ALL redistricting efforts – leave districts as-is
2		2	People should feel represented in the district where they live
2		2	Use natural boundaries, such as rivers, for district lines
1	1		Comments specific to lines for House District 32
1		1	Include all of Tillamook County in a single House district
1		1	Put Gaston in district with Yamhill County, not Washington County
1		1	Do not put Tillamook County and Lincoln City in same district
1		1	Keep all of Hillsboro in a single district
1		1	Do NOT create an independent commission on redistricting
1		1	Portland and Metro region are overrepresented in Legislative Assembly
1		1	Start from scratch in drawing new maps; ignore current map boundaries
1		1	Give conservative voters a voice
1		1	Governor should be elected by electoral college, not popular vote

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

**--March 9 (5:30 PM):**

**Video:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031048>

**Recording Log:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeAgenda/SRED/2021-03-09-17-30>

**--March 20 (9:00 AM):**

**Video:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/mediaplayer/?clientID=4879615486&eventID=2021031058>

**Recording Log:** <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/RecordingLog/SRED/2021-03-20-09-00>

**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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**--Oral Remarks March 20 (9:00 AM): Pages 13-21**

**--Written Comments March 9 (5:30 PM): Pages 22-24**

**--Written Comments March 20 (9:00 AM): Pages 24-40**

### **ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 1 – March 9, 5:30 PM**

**Name:** Courtney Bangs, Clatsop County Commissioner, Clatsop County

**Key Points:**

- Encouraged to independent redistricting commission to help with partisan divide
- Concerned about rural voices being heard

**Transcript:** My name is Courtney bangs, and I'm a class of county commissioner representing my rural district for of east astoria. Swinson, napa, and westport. I'm speaking for myself this evening and not as a commission as a whole. My following statements are also not reflective of any dissatisfaction of our current elected officials, but more out of concern in my community. Future times have changed a lot over the last ten years and the rule or been divide and kind of only grown greater as many no class, it is a rule county that identifies itself as neither strongly republican or democrat. I, myself, am a non partisan elected official. As a rule resident myself, I can confidently share with you the feelings that many of my constituents in my area share regarding our political atmosphere as we've experienced it. Over the last few years, our state nation has become greatly divided and aggressively partisan. Lately, the atmosphere is become says and competitive leading to constituents, especially in rural areas, feeling unheard and unable to trust the government and proceedings. I encourage you to take a more cooperative good faith approach to this decision by selecting an independent non partisan commission to oversee the redistricting process. Our current political climate and overall arrest would greatly benefit from such a cooperative good faith and neutral approach. Currently redistricting appears to layman as a political move or maneuver, potentially susceptible to manipulation. To cancel out brock obama. I think we need to end the practice of drawing our congressional district so that politicians can pick their voters and not the other way around. Let a bar bipartisan group do it. California and washington have moved into non partisan redistricting committees. I encourage oregon to follow suit, hopefully with a less how to do a more cooperative and neutral approach, it will lead to healthier oregon. My goal as a local representative, has been to build trust, try my best to meet in the middle with a positive cooperative work and represent all of my constituents to the best of my ability. My second concern is making sure that we are gathering communities of common interest within the redistricting process. Our state has changed so much over the last ten years now is the time as we restructured to identify our communities

with common interests, giving them the best chance to have their concerns representative and not stifled under urban concerns. Our rural communities are concerned about equality and education, natural resources management, land use, crop production, water, livestock production, natural disaster planning, government regulation, taxation, transportation and tourism. To give you a very small example that will highlight our differences and it's a very personal example. My children school district, just offered in person music this year, this school year for the first time and over two decades. But our urban constituents, i'm sure, have had music for quite some time. Then you add in the lack of Internet availability to multiple areas within our county, and these issues aren't urban issues or concerns their concerns for, for our rural community. And for our parents trying to give the best that they can to, to the kid. In closing, i will continue to advocate for the underserved and my unity. I'm asking for a non partisan and transparent process and in order to best serve our state as a whole and hopefully to meet in the middle to foster faith hope and good business. In this process, I want to thank everyone for your time this evening and I appreciate that you hearing the concerns that we have in our small communities. So thank you.

**Name:** Lindsay Berschauer, Yamhill County Commissioner, Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Voters becoming more independent from two parties

**Transcript:** My name is Lindsey burse hour. I am a demo county commissioner. I'm here to testify on an individual not on behalf of my board of commissioners. And I have to echo the sentiments of courtney fisher beings in that I support an independent redistricting committee. I was around back in twenty seventeen when the late secretary of state dennis richardson proposed this idea. And he did so because he really wanted to remove the process from the partisan legislative process really. And he brought together many different groups. I remember illegal women voters coming to the table, the independent party, members of the democratic party. And just a wide array of oregonians to represent different political values. Come into the table and wanting to participate in something that was fair and transparent. Yeah, me. How can you, it's interesting, we have our electric or elected legislators are mostly republicans, but we've seen a shift in, in our county over time, over the past ten years, where the voting population is becoming almost like a third, a third, a third. So you have a third of the democratic party voters, the third republican, and then there's a huge amount of independent and non affiliate though there's coming forward and people leaving the bipartisan two party system. So I think when you're talking about a single party, really controlling where the legislative boundaries are, are drawn. You are getting franchises, counties like mine, that are represented by different individuals. But also the individuals to over the last ten years have come forward. The voters that have come forward with really more of an independent voice. And so I do, I do promote and support dentist richardson's idea of creating an independent non partisan commission that will kind of take this on to get out of your hands, but take it on and make it very transparent. So we're going to and who are really concerned about, you know, how they're being represented. Not only will open also congressionally. So I thank you for your time. And if you have any questions.

**Name:** Marchel Hirschfield, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Concerned Asian/Pacific Islanders not represented despite population growth

**Transcript:** My name is marcelle hurst. Field my number, she her and I my health for all residents. I congressional district wine. I lived in Washington county for the majority of my eleven years in Oregon. I am a single mom and two boys ages eight and five who attend lot acres, elementary School in hillsborough. And despite asian pacific islander being a fast growing population in Washington county representation is not reflected in the teacher and administration and my children's elementary School, or in our local elected official. However, we are here, we've been here. I love that my children have access to come all the classes up the street that was put together by a community member who saw the need to teach our children. Come all I. O is the teaching of stories. Miss legends and history of pacific islanders. It is important that my children being community when other asian pacific islander that are routed and being raised, but the culture, traditions, and values that have been caring for through our ancestors. This space and participants are a community of interest through practicing our cultural tradition and being in community together. In the last eleven years, I've seen washington county dpi, community grow. I see more local food trucks and small businesses opening and owned by neighbors and community members. New and old, I am sure that the twenty twenty census data will reflect the growth that I see and live every day. My kids putting out every time driving and they see a hawaiian to ground a car, but to actually be in community. I have to look hard for it because we are not organized via traditional me, rather than mutual understanding of being others in such a white dominated state. I know that my community is here, but we are still locked in our seat at the table where decisions are being made about our ability to thrive and grow. Throughout this process, I believe there are three things, three keeping that should be at the forefront of consideration. Number one impacted communities need to be centered in the process and outcome. Number two, oregon borders have implemented, backed up for this exact kind of situation. And number three, feeling represented in your district. I look forward to working with the committee, the oregon legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages the community and respond to our growing needs. It's impossible to include the most impacted communities without a larger effort to engage our people. Do not always see a flyer or one pager on such a complex issue that will have impact for the next ten years. This is a complicated process that require an education and a deeper understanding of the impacts of redistricting, the legislature, process for engaging oregon communities and re districting. It's going to be critical.

**Name:** Kris Bledsoe, Dayton/Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Wants to be back in 24, not in 23
- No common meeting places or interests, commonality is just that Hwy 99 runs through area
- Dayton/Amity connect with Yamhill and want to be back with the county
- No connection with Benton county area
- Too difficult to communicate with whole district at once

**Transcript:** Thank you chair and members of the committee. For having this session tonight, it's very important to any area of the state. I have to live in health district twenty three. Now, when I first moved to to oregon twelve years ago, I rented house district twenty four. And the wisdom of the people who re

district is last time they decided which is thing should now be and how the district went through. And I would love it could be corrected. Now if you look at how long this district is, a district that is really almost manageable for a representative to feel connected with all of these various little communities. Because we don't have any common meeting places. We don't have any common interests geographically. The only thing we have in common is at highway ninety nine runs through the pool area the community of dane, amity, in particular, feel and connect with. Yeah. How county, because we are in, you know, camp and we would like to be back with the rest of the I'm help county where we shop, where our churches are, where our schools are just go to school. And this has created confusion. Most people who are in amity and they don't even know who their representative is anymore, because they don't see him or her. If we have to have a woman some day, any location where they would routinely go, there's just no connection. Now we're not, we don't have any affiliation with darren a jerry village is in here. We don't have any connection with the northern tip of core ballast. This just isn't. I don't think it's any better for the people down here than it is for those of us up here. I ran for state representative in two thousand eighteen and I can tell you that there is no way to even communicate to the whole district at once. There is absolutely nothing in common about your county. We have two newspapers to serve the rest of the house. District. Twenty three is not part of our community and I really ask you to please consider re adjusting what was done, I think in error ten years ago. And put our community back together so that we can both together, we can work together, go to school together. We can far together and we can share our lives together. This was a travesty. Thank You for showing that in for getting some insight, appreciate that.

**Name:** Peter Roscoe, Astoria

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission
- Some economic commonality with Tillamook county
- Clatsop should not be with Yamhill

**Transcript:** Well, the co chairs and members of the committee, thank you for having this. I certainly am so glad to see more women and politics, predictably, gardening banks and the lady from the meal county because they, they were able to communicate in a much more common rational way. And then I my I remember ten years ago when there was redistricting and first of all, let me say, I totally believe that an independent battle should be doing this. And I have no idea who drew these lines. And really there is no rationale behind that. And let me strengthen that by saying ten years ago in a sir, I was a city counselor for two terms. And the redistricting came up. We had both brand with and was now suzanne webbbers, but tiffany butler and before that debbie boone's district were both had a presence in astoria. And the re districting took that away from brad, which district and pushed jim bar to the We went to the mayor and I went to came to salem and testified before the committee. And at that time they said they told us astoria was in the river town. Which if you've ever been to s, jerry would be kind of a stunning statement. They said you have much more in common with telemark, you're both coastal c ports and so the commonality we clash a county until my county have were loggers, were fishermen were dairy men. And you know, we don't have a tremendous amount of agricultural input like the people in the counties in the Valley do and we do have that commonality. And so suddenly when you see this new district cutting kilmore county out of our state representation, it's John drop or to tell you the truth. And I don't, I don't know how these lines got dropped, drawn, who drew them or the rationale behind it, other than

some going to population and perhaps voter infrared imaging on their voter precincts. I don't know, but it certainly seems as if here in classroom county, we are very much neighbors with the tell them a county people and when do we even connect with the mil county? How can we we're not even connected county. So thank you for letting me testify. I again, I support an independent panel to do this redistricting process. Thank you.

**Name:** Christopher Cobey, Portland

**Key Points:**

- Pearl has changed significantly
- Does not have much in common with Clatsop area
- HD and SD are based with suburban Washington County
- Pearl is part of downtown Portland
- Very different area from rest of all districts area got put in
- Primarily renter area
- Suggests putting Pearl District with Portland west of river

**Transcript:** Good evening cheers taylor and so many members of the committee. My name is Chris curry. I'm a resident of the pearl district portal and testifying as an individual this evening. I previously provided to you it's available in your written materials, master three district, seeing which I live in the pearl district. And I would like to refer to that as part of my testimony in the disease here, major. Tonight you need to take into consideration or you're not going to make it tonight. Of course in the redistricting, pearl district has changed a great deal and for years when pearl district on your maps is that small, truthful a projection on those for eastern edge of all three district mouse. And it is twice the pearl district which is only been developed really in the past forty years, thirty years from light industrial railroad yard to basically an urban area characterized by condominiums apartment small shops, retail pals, bookstore, places like that. It is part of the city, of course it is an area which actually doesn't have a whole lot in common with for example, the congressional district, which includes as storia or she and sheridan. The state district and the state of several of the state house districts are both primarily based in suburban washington county. And the district just started part of the street cars, transportation, which is a factor in redistricting. The transportation is primarily we are downtown for our school is in downtown portland, most of the residence of the pearl district, which is about six thousand people walk instead of drive to locations or the used car sharing platforms. They use mass transit. It's very, very different from the rest of all three districts, and that's why urge you to take a look very closely what these, these various factors are. The other aspect of this is that people who are primarily renters, again, are living in trying to many of our i'm sure things like so what would be the solution for the redistricting? It would be very simple. It twice the URL where it already is sitting in Portland. So shouldn't districts the house, the state, congressional districts, which are within the city of portland, west of the lamb or rivers. One of your factors is geographical and political boundaries. The districts were in now contain a platter and political boundaries put us back into the court and area. It'll make it simpler and it makes for more sense because or community of interest isn't fair. And I will also say for sure. Okay, great

**Name:** Imani Dorsey, Hillsboro/Washington County

**Key Points:**

- Food can help define a community of interest
- Large BIPOC communities
- Use PSU resources in meantime before census data

**Transcript:** For the record, my name is Imani Dorsey, a woman, and she her pronoun, thank you for the opportunity to testify. My family and I currently live in Washington county in the city of hillsborough, in congressional district run house, district twenty four, and then district twelve. Both my parents were in beaverton, my sister and I graduated from high School and my little brother is currently a freshman at Cooper High School. We moved the area in two thousand and twelve from sacramento, california, away from our extremely diverse community and our large black and filipino family. Looking at the day, looking at the demographic data of the school, I believe going to my family became concerned about our potential challenges with finding a sense of belonging in a predominantly white region and stay in general. And while it was definitely a bit of a shock, at first, I found myself pleasantly surprised that the community we were able to cultivate, often finding solidarity over our shared cultural and marginalized experiences. And food is an incredibly important part of my family. So we feel a great sense of belonging when we can go to our local asian market or drive less than ten minutes to a restaurant that there's no food where we can gather with other by talk folks. And I can be saying to my neighborhood, to be a community of interest for three years. My dad has been gone tearing as a coach. My brother's football team and role our family has been able to connect with other black and people of color families that live in our neighborhood. And with only a few places to organize places to be with other by park outside of work in school. We're able to forge community through or school and various involvement, and he's a member of my family has been able to establish our vibrant collective network. Feel a level support we did not expect my first moved here. Over the over the ten years, I lived in beaver and I can see how our communities of color are constantly growing. And I'm certain updated data we received from the twenty twenty cents that will show that growth. Whether that be the number of by pocket restaurant popping up locally. And I'm having a new coworker in their family over dinner. Or as a concrete example between two thousand and fourteen and twenty eighteen, more than three, pretty three hundred single family homes in more than twenty three hundred multi multi family unit. Current buildings building permits were made inside the lines of the school district. An obvious and exciting change, but it has not been reflected by our elected officials. This is why we did so important in redistricting matters because my community that deserves to are represented representation is incredibly important because it's great influences which elected officials represent which communities general law get past. What critical infrastructure gets, gets funded that our communities need to drive and the level and our local local governments received from the state and congress. I know that the committees were hard in relation to the census delay due to covid. Unfortunately, organ better said implemented constitutional back stops for this sort of situation. Allow for our timeline to be even to be viable even so in order to get started, i would suggest mcnese the, the research we have at our disposal, p. S. U population research center. Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with this committee and to ensure that that bridge that redistricting to all communities and respond respond to me.

**Name:** Omar Sandoval (Cisneros), Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Keep Yamhill county whole
- Shared school districts in county but divided among numerous districts
- Needs to drive hour and a half to attend town halls for district

**Transcript:** Selina, bye. Says bush and David. Nope, and members of the can be on redistricting for the record. My name is Omar sandeval. I serve my community as the current share of the democratic party of the whole county on the indigenous land of em, hello and colored point in tribe. I'm here today is an advocate of keeping your whole county hall. When the committee concludes is re districting. Madame chairs during stressful times like this, one of my favorite nightly pass times is driving from my home in dayton and I find the beautiful county i call home from my home I circle the county and less than an hour I passed through done the newburgh infant mcminnville for amity sheridan and the willa miner. As I would imagine, the case with multiple from this committee, my brain is always on campaign mode. One thought that frequently takes my friend is a how I am. How can you sit in so many legislative districts. In my county residence can have one or four state representatives, three senators, even though our population consists of roughly hundred thousand residents. These districts range and threats from hillsboro in the portland metro, the oregon coast and down into dallas. And we all saw earlier today met him, chairs this cutting and dividing of the AM who county has led to inequitable and unjust outcomes for the residents of my county. Regardless of political affiliation. For example, mcminnville lafayette, digne, john b and newberg all share. Some portions of school districts in those three school districts were five town. They have three different state representatives and two senators. My district house history, twenty three, regardless of representation, stretches from dating to Dallas. My understanding of the house of representatives and house districts in general, is providing oregon residents with a more accessible and intimate representation. How is this the case? When before the pandemic, i would need to drive an hour and a half plus to enter town hall on the other side of my district. Our house district typically consists of sixty thousand residents and our senate districts doubled in a community of one hundred thousand residents. We should not have as many representatives if I may lead the committee with one final thought it would be consider our charge representatives or our community. And what us has been the visuals and our priorities are in making our capital a more inclusive and diverse place. And county, it would be near impossible for a person of color, a single mom, a young leader, or anyone who is inherent who is not inherently wealthy to ever gain a spot. Due to the simple fact that our community is split into so many different slices, running any form of states would require hours of travel on time commitment. That is simply impossible to many members of the redistricting committee. I urge you to key pm. How can people thank you.

**Name:** Parthav Easwar, Bethany/Washington County

**Key Points:**

- 73k API individuals (17k Indian descent) in Washington County
- Stoller MS is 47% API students
- Much growth in north Bethany
- Unincorporated area; easy area to be ignored by elected officials
- Numerous ethnic stores showing up
- 4 Hindu temples in Washington County now
- No south Asian ever elected to rep Oregon in legislature

**Transcript:** My name is part of e. Sure. And I've been a resident of the bethany neighborhood for seven years. I'm also a freshman in college studying at home and to our campus reopens next school year. In addition to living in congressional district one, I also live in house district, thirty three and senate district seventeen. My parents immigrated from India in one nine hundred ninety eight and came to oregon in two thousand and two. We moved to bethany in twenty twelve and started building time in our community. My family story is like many others in our community in bethany. In fact, there are more than seventy three thousand people who identify as asian, pacific islander, and washington county of these individuals nearly seventeen thousand and identify in India, we are the largest necessity within the community of Washington county. The growth of asian pacific islander is in Washington county is not a new phenomenon between two thousand and two twenty ten. The community in Washington county increased by fifty five percent growing up. I went to Cooper, mountain elementary School in beaverton, and then stoller middle School. And bethany, today's dollar middle School is forty seven percent asian pacific islander students. In fact, nearly half of the written school district, single family home growth in the past five years has occurred in North bethany. That's why I believe that twenty twenty centers will show that bethany continues to grow and ease in Indiana and asian pacific islander families. I'm testifying today to share about my community, the indian community that lives in bethany. I'm doing so in part because bethany is an unincorporated community in Washington county. It is easy for elected officials to forget about us. While we vote in Washington county elections, we have no city government or mer to advocate for interest over the past nine years that I've lived in bethany. I personally seen the asian in indian communities grow greatly. For example, near we're in northwest, bethany and cornell need. There are now three indian grocery stores, for one can look at bethany village. We have a number of agent owner, asian related restaurants, and stores. Ever community has grown, so the places we worship. We went from having no permanent hindu temple. Thirty years ago, having four temples in Washington county alone, my family is personally involved in chin me mission portland on northwest john olson wrote the kaiser west side hospital. Each week, more than two hundred families gather for religious education, cultural preservation in the classes in service. More than one hundred fifty kids participate in weekly sunday school program. Something I was involved in for fourteen years. Students in I graduating class and senior from temple wednesday sunset, west lincoln, glen co, and janet high schools. The elector. Representation of asian pacific islanders and the state has been relatively limited, and small representative con fan serves on the redistricting committee, is the first person to serve in the organ legislation close to twenty years. And no one has ever been elected from South asian community to stay office in Oregon. This means that there is no one who directly understands and addresses our interest for this reason that the redistricting company should consider the South asian community and market. Thank you..

**Name:** Guillermo Romero, Warrenton/Clatsop County

**Key Points:**

- Public input important
- Make other types of data available soon to understand pop dynamics before September
- Please educate ordinary citizens about participation/process/etc.
- Not all of Washington County is same, not monolithic geographically or by community

**Transcript:** My name is guillermo metal. My pronouns are he, him is and I. I live in the mornington and have lived there for ten years. I am currently employed for the Department of Human Services shall welfare, and I'm deeply embedded in my community. I'm happy to have the opportunity to test by today

about redefining this process is important to me because I know that you legislators have the opportunity to shape what sort of representation communities like mine, as well as other communities of workers and middle class families. Culturally specific communities and more will have in the legislature and then congress for the next decade, representation impacts everything from what laws are passed to which in first structure projects to get funded, to help our communities drive. To how much funding our can cities and counties and the six receive from the state and from congress. Well, it is great that legislature is taking the opportunity to hear from or guardians about our communities. It's important that we also have a chance to give more meaningful input. Once there is more information and data publicly available. With sensors, delays certainly makes it difficult, but without data available to analyze or match to respond to it. It's hard to know what kind of input will make a difference. I want our input to be serious and deliberate. But it's hard to do without data or the legislator to make other types of data available sooner rather than later. So we can start, understand the population dynamics well in advance of receiving the sensitive data in September. In the meantime, I hope that the, let's say, will get you to seek input about communities of interest and continue to try to educate ordinary citizens about this process in meaningful ways that allows apple time for true participation. It is important that the legislator considered that our communities are not more thick and continue to seek detailed information that can always be seen in the data along. For example, not all washington county is the same. We have very rules and very urban communities. We have large immigrant communities and communities of color, which in and of themselves are not monolithic. Please continue listening and engage for going in and who are often overlooked when it comes to representation like low income and working or guardians, black and didn't do this. And people of color immigrants and non english speakers and are marginalized population. I look forward to watch your efforts and engaging working people in the process. Thank you for your time and thank you for allowing me to testify.

**Name:** Sophia Vicenio, Washington County

**Key Points:**

- 57% Asian community in Washington County are immigrants
- 1 of 5 Asians in Washington County are multi/biracial

**Transcript:** Co chairs, taylor to know the co chairs, salinas and clothes, her davis and members of the redistricting committees for the records. My name is **Sophia, i** was sent to my printer or she her and I am a resident of oregon. Chris congressional district in Washington county and also the political organizer and submitted testimony on behalf of the asian pacific american network of oregon, also known as a pano, sounded in one thousand ninety six. Our organization serves the asian pacific islander communities throughout oregon. Upon the United asians and pacific islanders to build power, develop leaders and advanced equities to organizing advocacy, community development and cultural work. Upon out, together with the communities of color, coalition released a report in twenty eighteen called reading with race research justice in Washington county. In it we, we talked about the diversity of the experience in Washington county. Here are some of the findings that we believe the redistricting committee must be aware of as a considers how to draw lines in this community. There are at least seventy three thousand seven hundred and one a P I in Washington county in fifty seven percent of asian communities in Washington county are immigrants, thirteen thousand two hundred fifty two students identified as asian pacific islander in twenty, fifteen one and five asians in Washington county identify as by racial or multi racial in Washington county news. And so if you know workers have lower incomes at similar levels of Education as white workers, there are at least five thousand five hundred

thirty eight people who identify as pacific islander or native hawaiian living in Washington county. Polynesian communities such as samoans or tongue and are the largest of in Washington county. As this committee may know, asian pacific islander is a term that covers more than a hundred different ethnic current, cultural and linguistic groups well connected by the label asian pacific islander. I can use our specific with their own histories and conditions and with differing needs. Are community members prioritize that data. Gets aggregation as a means of deconstructing the oriental notion of clinical asian and making visible the differences and uniqueness as well your abilities of our community. We strongly encourage the redistricting committee to approach the census data for our community at the asian risk category, and also as a specific level of data that will allow the community to understand where money is. Tongue and an asian indian communities live in watson county. Washington county has grown significantly since the twenty ten centers and families and communities are a big part of that group. I look forward to working with this committee, the org and legislature and our can we use to ensure that we did the thing engages tedious and it's gone to our grand need.

**Name:** Jeffrey Corso, Washington County

**Key Points:**

- Affordable housing is big problem in Washington county
- Representation doesn't really reflect the community

**Transcript:** My name is Jeffrey corso. My pronouns are him and his and I have lived in Washington county for about six years. I'm here because of the importance of redistricting and its impact on my students and my neighbors for the next ten years. I'd like to tell you about the community where I live and where I teach. If you visited beaverton in the surrounding area in the past few months, you probably spend much of that. I'm stuck in traffic. Cedar hills, one eighty fifth tv highway are almost always constantly congested. Now I know transportation is a different committee, but this is important for redistricting. Six years ago when my family came to Washington county, the area had not expanded or seen the growth in population. Now present this influx of people coming into the region, creating new opportunities and new challenges which can be mitigated through proper and accurate representation. My community is in dire need for affordable housing. I have many students saving, excuse me, facing housing, instability, food insecurity and classroom inequity. As I told my students are elected representatives work to make our lives better. But does our representation reflect the diversity of our communities? This committee had the authority to hear oregonians, but more importantly to better their lives. So now I know that there is a looming timeline and that census data is not readily available. But do we have other data other metrics which can be used to begin the process of redistricting? Do we have systems in place which can afford our communities in need with accurate and timely representation? Washington county beaverton and my students appreciate you and your work in supporting redistricting and responding to our growing mean as a public servant myself. I know our work is never done and you have folks like me who are ready to make things happen and ready to see last name changed. I sincerely appreciate your work on this and I, I look forward to supporting all of you. Thank you.

**Name:** Debbie Boothe-Schmidt, Astoria

**Key Points:**

- Use multiple data sources like school districts and ACS to begin process now
- Do not discriminate against BIPOC communities

**Transcript:** Co chair taylor salinas by his chairs and members of the redistricting committee. My name is Debbie bushman, my pronouns are she and her. I have lived in the county district one for the last twenty nine years. My two daughters grew up here and went to school. My husband and I have owned and operated a small business and a story for almost twenty years. All oregonians need to feel that they are represented by their district. As members of the committee, i ask that you put community members that will be impacted by this process upfront. As you consider new districting within our state, having something concrete will make it much easier for the community to play a role in this process. Even though the census data is not available. I urge the committee to use multiple sources of information like school districts and the American community survey to start the process. Now, I also believe strongly that oregon should not discriminate against the by puck people in this process, and that it is important to maintain by park communities in blocks. I look forward to working with this committee to engage the north coast and make sure that are unique community is represented. Thank you very much for your time and for your work on this issue.

**Name:** Adam Gray, McMinnville

**Key Points:**

- Use other data sources to begin process now

**Transcript:** Good evening for your coach chairs, taylor and salinas, vice chairs can nope, and bush are davis and members of the redistricting committees. I really appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today about redistricting for the record, my name is Adam gray. My pronouns are he and him, and I have lived in mcminnville for the, for last seven years. My wife aaron and I just completed a substantial remodel. So mcminnville is really are forever home. I'm here because the importance of re district dean and its impact will be felt by me, my family and my neighbors for the next decade. Give him those stakes. I would like to tell you about mcminnville, because it's really a wonderful town, full of character and a real feeling of Community. In addition to having a growing population, it's located right in the heart of the will amat valley. And there's a place well known for its wine beer turkeys and a real feeling of hometown pride. This committee has been given the opportunity to not only listen to residents of oregon, but also respond to them. And those needs. One way that we move in that direction is to help make sure that people and their districts are being represented by their leaders in the community. It is important to me that we not only reflect on the current values of communities, but to start the conversation on what the lines might look like in order to have solutions. Do we have other data sets that we can use? Now while we wait for the census, if so, I think it is important for us begin with that information, giving oregonians from all parts of the state and the ability to inform the process sooner rather than later. I look forward to working with this committee, the oregon legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages the mcminnville community and that response to our growing needs the legislatures process for engage in Oregon communities and redistricting is going to be critical. Thank you so much for your time and work on this issue. And again, for the record, i'm adam gray. Thank you.

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## ORAL REMARKS: Hearing 2 - March 20, 9:00 AM

**Name:** Rep. Mike Nearman, Polk County

**Key Points:**

- Coast has 3 separate congressional districts
- Contiguous coast district would better serve population
- Independent commission needed

**Transcript:** thanks chair salinas and chair taylor and I am I am here again. So plead a little bit guilty to carpet bagging, i guess I don't actually live in am city one. I do represent quite a bit of acreage and cd one in quite a few people. And I'm proud of that. One of the things that I think that stands out about the current congressional district map that's kind of not really a good thing is the fact that the coast has three separate districts in it. And I actually, my little house district actually represents people from all three of those coastal districts there. So I think that the map would be better served or the people to stay in Oregon to be better served if they had a contiguous economic and cultural district. That was the quote, the coast, if they need to wedge more people into it, I guess they could curl around at the top and maybe take in Columbia county, which resembles, resembles a coast those people are tourism and natural resources extraction district. There. If I were to happen, that would cause all the other districts to kind of fall into place a little bit better. So I consider myself a person of the middle. I'm at valley mid one valley is agriculture, it's mine, it's salem, it's the Capital and things like that and, and that's not even its own district. So here I am, I sit in my own house district and I don't even set my own congressional district. So that would be my saying also put in a plug for we have kind of a couple of wrenches in the works now that we're not getting the data as quickly as we'd like. And so we have an opportunity to maybe do some things differently. And so maybe this is a chance that we have to look at some sort of independent redistricting committee. And I know there's a resolution in the house to do that. And there's a path forward that we can do that. We'd have to change the constitution sort of the past that resolution and a special election, but there is a password to do that and that's the right thing to do. So people aren't eating their own dog food. The politicians are leading their own dog food. That's all I have to say, and I'll just one of the thing I'll say is that I have some other people that are with me that I'm helping with the technology. So if you don't mind, i'll just leave my computer up. And when you call someone else's name, they might sit at my computer know, say, mike norman, but it's actually bob from mcminnville or something like that. So if that's okay with the committee that works.

**Name:** Scott Burge, Mayor, City of Scappose

**Key Points:**

- Columbia County has little in common with Metro area
- More connected to St. Helens
- Natural resources; fishing; tourism; loss of timber; etc
- Only connected to Multnomah by one highway
- Likes his current representatives who he feels listen to them, wants to keep this working relationship/dynamic

**Transcript:** My name scappers. I'm the mayor of the city of scatters. I've served mayor since two thousand and seven and redistricting is an important part of your duty. And I wanted to encourage kind of piggyback and was represented near inside is but columbia county is a we're one in the same. I've lived here since the fourth grade, which is, I don't want to say how long because it makes me still owes, but There is no, we're not connected to the metro or at all and our connections when our, our climate will not a part of metro. We're a part of a county which is fishing, natural resources, and a growing tourism industry isn't as populated as the gorge, but just as beautiful about I believe sixty two miles of river that front columbia county and keeping that one can to that one community together. We are all community in Columbia county, we work together and it would be a shame. It was split up for political reasons and not allow us to we in Columbia kind of, we've been through the situation or we're a small part of a bigger boat. It took thirty years for us to get a pcc campus built. It's almost spelt being built and that was dying. So our state senator are working hard to get there and it was our booster matter. And we just wanna make our votes continue to matter in a district that is more like a josh than not. And the majority isn't like gathers, or I like to say we're purple and, and you know, we're more like our neighbors and say how I work with dolman, are known, you know, in class and I, you know, for this industry, outdoors. Shing. And we are all, we're all trying to recover from the loss of timber up here and we're working as a team and we feel like that we want to continue to work to that team in that thing. And the whole thing about connect to my previous world can buy a small highway to mohammed county. We're not, there's no connection really to us. Our connection is more with those coastal counties. Yeah. Hill county. So my county clients are really more kindred spirits than the metro area. So I'd strongly encourage that. We continue to draw lines that maintain the representation we I, we, I like and I'm not a registered democrat. I think we have two great democrat representatives for our community and they work with us the lesson and then they care about our community. And I, to me, that's most important. And I want to be able to keep that Great, thank you so much for your testimony. Thank you. You have a wonderful day I. I spent all day thursday in meetings for the city, so I don't envy what you guys are doing today..

**Name:** Tom Hammer, Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission

**Transcript:** My name is Tom hammer. I'm from rural m hill. County redistricting needs to be led by a non partisan independent commission. Criticism of jeron landing is the only non torrison aspect of oregon's current rules. Are founders noted that our system of government requires citizen participation. Fairness and objectivity are necessary to keep citizens engaged in the election process. In twenty seventeen secretary of state, dennis richardson stated his vision of a process that used computers and algorithms to draw district maps free of political considerations to create districts with demographic commonality that truly represent the citizens free will center change the required time and for thought twenty twenty sentence results are delayed, giving us that time calls for rushing. The process are always made by politicians in the advantage that that must be ignored. And an independent commission of retired judges led by former oregon supreme court chief justice paul diminished, could oversee that process. Chief dem eunice, revamped our legal system and automated that during his term. He understands how to implement an automatic automated system as described above. Thank you for your time.

**Name:** Craig Pubols, McMinnville/Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting commission
- Partisan makeup of legislature not supported by party registration numbers

**Transcript:** Thank you, madam chairman, in the community. My name is Craig peebles and I live in the county. Okay. The upcoming re district will be a major inflection, i think on oregon's a democratic leadership. Currently we have a sixty one percent democratic majority in the state legislature. Although only thirty ninety seven receipts voters are registered democrats. Presidential elections, i think, are probably the best, major upstate political preferences, and I know twenty twenty joe biden got just fifty six point four percent of the vote in Oregon. And none of the recent presidential elections haven't democrats, achieved in fifty seven percent majority? So, democrats mean, but, but not by all that much. The leadership in salem is successful in designing six districts. So that's five represented by democrats. That will mean that including the state, the senate representatives, the party with only thirty nine percent of the registered rooms will have eighty seven and a half percent of our total delegates in Washington. And I think that's a bad situation that we should try to avoid or leadership and she is concerned about fair play and responsible government. They will not resort to efforts to sue congressional delegation so far away from the world, the people they represent. That's the end. Thank you very much for your time.

**Name:** Felicita Monteblanco, Aloha

**Key Points:**

- Washington County local governments only just now starting to resemble its population
- Still only 1 person of color representing Washington County
- Aloha, Reedville, cedar hills have unique needs
- Aloha split by Sen/Rep
- School districts currently split

**Transcript:** My name is Felicia mont. Blanco. My pronouns are she her and hers. And I live in unincorporated washington county. I've lived on the same street in a lower since I was six years old. Watson county, how many members of my big peruvian family? Some of my favorite places to eat and the best park and rec system in the state. It is only very recently that the Washington county Board of commissioners actually started to resemble the most recently diapers, county in the state with the election and peace of fi of my county, commissioner my neighbors about it for the first black woman on the board and the first muslim woman elected to Office in the state. You can imagine how it is felt to be a person of color in Washington county. We celebrate the winds from commissioner fi to hillsboro, board chair lopez, to the city of cornelius, having their first majority. Lottie next council ever. But please understand how critical it is to feel represented by those who vote on your behalf. And many parts of the region don't get to look at their city council, their school board, or their state representative and see shared lived experiences. These shared lived experiences of racism, of being low income of being small business owners of living in a multi generational household, and more are central to crafting and passing good policy. So when I look at the state legislators representing washington county, and there was only one person of color, i have serious concerns about the unintended consequences at the expense of our neighbors. Well, I know you are in the process of deciding house and senate district lines. It all matters in the decisions you make this year. Well, most certainly impact other lines as well as you engage in the redistricting process. Please keep communities of interest in mind, especially communities of color in

Washington county. Please also keep in mind the many ways individuals think of their community. For example, the unincorporated communities of a lower rebill and cedar hills have unique needs shape how we engage with our limited number of elected officials. Currently the community of a lower split up with different state representatives and different senators. Another example of a how about some to find community is their school districts. The city of hillsboro is divided uniquely so much so that while some students may be in the same district for high School, they may have different state representatives. Imagine how confusing this is to someone just learning about sex and wanting to engage. I do not envy the challenge that you have before you. I know you've faced challenges with the delay of information from the census bureau, but please recognize and utilize great resources like the p S. U population resource center resource center at the American community survey, school districts and housing developments. To start the map design process, you can then re engage the community with maps using santos data. I look forward to working with this committee, the organ legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages are community color and that it responds to our growing needs. The legislatures process for engaging oregon communities in redistricting is going to be critical. Thanks so much.

**Name:** Nadia Hasan, Beaverton

**Key Points:**

- Shopping; diversity; halal stores
- Likes local parks
- Significant local Muslim community
- Leaders must reflect community (mentions faith community)
- Supports using PSU data

**Transcript:** My name is Natalie. Have found i live in the city of the virgin and washing county. I've lived in the beaver can area for the last ten years with my husband and our three children. And we have felt so blessed to be near my aging parents who also lived nearby and bethany, my husband and I live and work in beaverton, our family, attend the below mosque in beaverton, and we often go to m E T for cultural events, for shopping. You'll find us at our hello store, a low, a hello tv highway, and sometimes bizarre or the indian store of cornell and one seventy third for our south asian groceries. Sometimes we go to a different bazaar. If the hello meet has the run out. Our kids go to school in beaverton. We are blessed with the lovely parks around us where children often play and be l. Monica playground, the th, the attic center, and war. And often i go to bethany to help my parents where we love this community because it includes the store, we need the places of worship we love and more within miles of us. My father was born and raised in India. My mom was born and raised in pakistan and I was born and raised in the United States. I have roots at them from community here. We represent many countries in beaverton and washing county across somalia, bosnia honest on iraq. And so many more when I imagine the work you are taking on and reduced district thing, I think of two things. The importance of representation. We must strive to ensure that our leaders reflect the community urge you to look at communities of interest across neighborhoods. Community school districts and more, and our underserved and under resource communities, these people may seem invisible. They can be immigrants, or refugees, that could be undocumented. They see us, but we do not always see them. Traditionally, our systems have not made them feel welcome and safe. So that have not come to us for support. When I think of these communities, i think of myself, indian box sonny muslim working mom, children taking care of elderly parents. Oregon has great resources like the p U population resource center to start along with other

things. It should be noted that I look forward to working with this committee, the Oregon legislature and our communities to ensure that redistricting engages my communities, your communities, and all of our communities. And the response to our growing needs. The legislature process for engaging our communities and redistricting is going to be critical. Thank you so much for taking this morning to listen to us and your time.

**Name:** Erika Lopez, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Latinx gathering places in area
- City has cultural events
- Hillsboro School District got its first Latinx board member in 2019
- Don't disenfranchise BIPOC communities

**Transcript:** For the record, my name is Erica Lopez and I am a resident of Hillsboro. I have lived here for over twenty years and I wanted to share with you on some of the things that make my community special and how I define my community of interest here in Hillsboro. I'm lucky to live in a community where we have places like Center Down Central offers culture experiences like the new one of the other mortals. As some examples, these events provide families like mine and space to celebrate culture and pass down traditions to my children. It is not only a gathering place for the next community, but for our whole community at large. Children have called other cultural grants that uphold these cultural norms, such as a little and Latino festival, which are all partnerships between government agencies, nonprofits, or districts and the business community. Some of these events have only started in the last five years, things to representation and local government from my community. But we need more having representation and leadership insurers of many different voices in our communities are at the decision making, table or church, and not be seen as a deficit. But a benefit. The places for play and recreation in Hillsboro, draw communities of color from other parts of the mental area because they are built with communities of color and mine. I invite you all to come and visit our soccer field in our field support. I also know what it's like not to have these things. My sister and my brother in law both grew up in Hillsboro and they are part of the military family now. And I such have lived in many different places. My sister says, I forget how isolating and lonely it is when you don't have these things in place in service of their country. They sacrifice community and cultural as I see the differences in the school experiences. Our kids are having. My kids have been able to go to the dual language school District. Honors are first language because of all these things and my community has afforded me. I want to get back in service and so I ran to be elected to the hills. So school was not until twenty nineteen had Hillsboro had a member from the Latin next community. We boarded a chair of the board, you all as elected officials know how important social capital is to getting elected because of these relationship networks and the strong police making focus in my community. I was able to run for office. We need to remove barriers to ensure opportunities for representations are more prevalent across our c. Lastly, I want to advocate for a transparent process. Redistricting is important and need to ensure this process does not for their marginalized, disenfranchised or her communities that have historically not been represented in this process. Thank you so much for your time and for giving this Saturday to listen to it.

**Name:** Will Hobbs, Cornelius

**Key Points:**

- Oregon has numerous regions
- Coastal communities should have their own congressional district
- Ag/technology concerns in his local area not same concerns as rest of district

**Transcript:** My name is Will Hobbs and I live in rural Washington County on the eastern side of your sister? Thirty-two in the hills outside. Cornelius. Prior to the radio searching for thousand eleven. I was in house after twenty-six and was gone and played in running for office against representative met with her in two thousand and twelve over I know phone myself and every district and had no desire to unseat her. So that affectively ended my design on being an organ legislator when Debbie decided to retire, she told me and I seriously considered a run for sea and spoke to a number of legislators and political experts. I realize that the population center, our sister, thirty-two being on the coast. But we had a severe disadvantage because I would likely not be seen as representative of the majority of citizens in H. D. thirty-two. Which brings me to my main point. Oregon has a number of fairly distinct geographic demographic and economic regions which should drive redistricting. It goes, all regions should be kept together in their own words, possibly reaching as far as the eastern edge of their coast range for us any further east and you're in the agricultural and urban areas that have much different concerns. You class one control center surrounded by nurseries and a short drive from the high tech jobs at Hillsboro, where I use or as concerns and my neighbors and me tend to be largely along the lines of agriculture and technology and do not intersect. The primary concerns of my district neither and the two name houses or thirty-two candidates at random the most recent general election were all attuned to my portion of the district. This is completely understandable, considering our most of their potential over. So what it leaves me feeling like I don't have a representative and say, I do have a place to be, so I'm concerned about coastal issues. But I doubt that's a primary concern for any of my neighbors. As you, as you redraw the district class, please keep in national Geographic demographic and even groupings more homogeneous so that our elected officials can focus on affectively for their constituents. I look forward to working with you in the future and your job.

**Name:** Petrona Dominguez Francisco, Forest Grove

**Key Points:**

- Growing BIPOC communities in western Washington County
- People being pushed out of area with development

**Transcript:** Good morning. Ridge remembers, and madam chair, Taylor, Selena. My name is she her a I pronounce and I live in district one. And I have been a resident in Washington County for over eighteen years. One of the things that I love about being washed and Connie, and specifically western Washington County is a lot in the community and the growing communities of color that live here. It is the people who make western Washington County rich and unique. I love that I can just walk out of my home and within two minutes like walk the trails estimate nearby supermarket. If someone go and make a call or happiness restaurant and find comfort food from my home country, what the my land or gather with my community London is which offers the quarterly, diverse farmers market yearly, and the communities love and enjoy very much. Or as Erica just mentioned, right, sounds good and which offers annual cultural events to keep our community together. I also appreciate that our schools are close and unified and that there is a growing demand for more ethnic and diverse who food options. As a result of this, one of the things I dislike about my district is the lack of representation and accessibility to get involved

more so although I appreciate the growing population, it is concerning to me that the new reservations are not considering the consequences of pushing out low income communities, and especially during the homes of many living animals, i worry that the more continues to rebuild and take up land. The more congested force will be. I believe that there should be more equitable homes rather than we dispenser is that every corner, especially in the growing population of houses, community members continue to grow. And there being a lot of resources, i recognize that the census data is valuable and informative, especially for communities of color. But is there, nick would only have been historically been left out of the decision making tables. We been updated now to very reliable outputs, such as the school districts that can be used to get started on the process. If we start the process. Now we can have something to look at when the census data comes in, which would allow for the maps to be region in the community to be reengaged. I advocate for our community to be fully represented and that the data we truly truly youth give time for five communities to analyze it. Time is essential. Yes, but our communities are more important and the timeline of reducing most way for us all to catch up and be fully engaged. I look forward to organ much later and committee to ensure that read extreme engages are community and that responds to our growing needs. And that the legislative process for engaging oregon communities of color and rejecting is going to be more critical for continue to create a just society in which truly are involved and respects it's growing diverse population. Thank you for your time and in particular saturday to do that.

**Name:** Megan Corvus, Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Yamhill split into four house districts but has only one representative living in Yamhill
- Consider county boundaries during redistricting

**Transcript:** Hello, thank you. Check to check taylor merced as a committee, thanks for that. This morning. I grew up and here in the county and I moved back here ten years ago. Sorry. Can you just state your name for the record? Oh sure name is Megan corpus. I wrote back here ten years ago. And when we started to settle in, I started paying more attention to local politics, knowing that I plan to stay here. And one thing that really surprised me was learning about the current health district here in my county. We have four which have substantial parcels of the county and twenty three, twenty four and twenty five for the representatives. And there are three related senators, only one currently lives here in the county. The other six women, very different community from us on the coast along the corridor closer than we may know. And over the last four years they've been getting more and more in local politics. And my experience is that it's just really difficult to communicate across through midsize county of a hundred thousand people who represent my neighbors. And it's also difficult for us to access those representatives who just live in very different communities and are not always aware of local issues. I also learned that it's difficult for them to be spread for the representatives. We fred, so broadly across so many different community. So I just have a really simple ask, I would ask the committee to please consider the existing county boundary and help county case. They feel more contiguous than the current house districts when you're drawing out districts for twenty twenty one. Thanks so much for your time. If we can, I'm grateful for the sacrifice of it and your energy on this really important task.

**Name:** Debby Garman, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Supports work of committee
- Must focus on marginalized and young voters
- Does not support using independent commission
- Begin process using PSU data

**Transcript:** Called jeremy taylor and salinas vice chairs quote, both are davis and members of the redistricting community committee for the record. My name is Debbie garmen. My pronouns are she her and for sixteen years I've lived in hillsboro, washington county, how strict or district twenty nine. My background is an arts administration, nonprofit management and communications and community engagement. I appreciate the chance to add my comments to this incredibly important process in my state as a senior citizen with a few decades of life experience behind me. My perspective on this challenging situation is that our priority should be to protect oregon elections, integrity. We need to work backward in timing from our may twenty, twenty two election cycle and do what needs to be done on a timeline to ensure that we have clear, orderly and transparent process ready for that. Oregon is one of a few lucky states that have implemented failsafe procedures in case of redistricting challenges. I'm not an expert in the intricacies of state and county election details, but if it can work, my first preference is that you elected legislators will be given the time and data needed to execute the process and decision making around the redistricting challenges. You are the elected leaders in touch with your constituents who are formally designated to make great decisions. Key issues for me are transparency of process centering, moods of communities of interest, marginalized and young voters. I am not in support of creating an independent commission because I do not believe that key voices will be heard in such a small sampling of citizens. I want to be clear that the census is really valuable in my priority is that we ensure that we have one person, one vote ongoing an oregon. Even the timeline. I don't believe the committee can wait to start the process of drawing maps until we get the census data. And I urge the legislature and your committee to begin our process using a reputable in hand data, such as numbers from the p S. U population research center, the American community survey, school districts and housing developments that can be used to redraw or to drop preliminary maps. When we received the census data in September, i would ask the committee to review and potentially redraw some maps. Please keep us informed along the way and reengage the community at each stage of the process. Thank you so much for taking your time this morning and for including my comments in your committee news decision making.

**Name:** Chris Chenoweth, McMinnville

**Key Points:**

- Supports using independent commission for redistricting

**Transcript:** My name is Chris channel when I am a mcminnville city counsellor, although I am not speaking on behalf of the city council. And of course I live in Monroe. My had the pleasure of living there. Basically, since I was twelve years old, I won't give you the number of years. So what that qualifies out to I have a couple of of key points that I think need to be reiterated. It already been stated. One is that when we look at the current makeup of our legislature, thirty nine percent of oregon voters are actually registered democrats. But we have sixty percent of the legislature that, that are democrats. This shows that where we don't have a makeup that actually reflects the voters and I have grave concerns about how that impacts the partisanship develop and the partisan divide that our country. Our state and

our cities are dealing with last selection cycle. McMinnville was one of the most division of elections cycles at a local level that I've seen in my lifetime. And I think these kinds of skewed results and legislatures and lack of representation just leads to that partnership rancor that's occurring. We had an opportunity and fortunately didn't make it all the way to the ballot, and I would urge the, the majority to consider going to a process where the politicians are not the ones making the boundaries they're, they're certainly not going to make boundaries that are going to hurt them they're, they're going to make boundaries that are going to continue to guarantee that there they will be elected or reelected. And I think that's not in the best interests of the citizens. So I would just urge, as I understand there's a bill looking in that direction for the sake of the, the health of our state. And trying to ease some of this partisan rancor and providing a more fair, a breakdown of how these districts are going to work. We really need to consider moving to a committee that is separate from the politicians to make these legislative decisions. I'm old enough to remember the walk out that led to our current district thing, and I don't want to see that kind of political manufacturer districting again. So I would urge that again, I thank you for the opportunity to go on the record. I thank you for the opportunity to speak on this, and I look forward to seeing you guys do, please keep us involved and the no, thank you.

**Name:** David Hill, Carlton

**Key Points:**

- Supports independent redistricting committee
- Oregon has diverse communities, should be respected during redistricting

**Transcript:** My name is David hill and I live in carlton, oregon, in the AM hill county. I would like to put forward that we should move re desperate reed district dean to a committee. And the reason why I'm, I'm supported, moving into committee is that oregon has very diverse cultural aspects to it. The coast has one one culture to a whirl, oregon. You know, the eastern, oregon, oregon, and have another moment definitely has a different field to it. And I think the redistricting of according to how these different areas are, would allow the citizens to feel more like they are being heard as you travel around oregon. Right now, a lot of citizens feel like they are not heard that they're not represented. So I would ask the you take the time and we went to a committee to re district did. Thank you.

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**WRITTEN COMMENTS: Hearing 1 – March 9, 5:30 PM**

**Name:** Chris Cobey, resident, Portland

**Key Points:**

- The Pearl District should be in the same district as the rest of Portland, rather than with coastal communities
- Support for independent redistricting commission
- Support for citizens advisory committee (in lieu of commission for 2021 redistricting)
- Do not use non-Census data only for map drawing

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

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**Name:** Dale Fishback, resident, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Portland is overrepresented should only be represented by a single congressional district

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234050>

**Name:** Dan Jarman, representing Tillamook County Creamery Association

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234051>

**Name:** Dave, resident, Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234117>

**Name:** Eleazar Gamez, resident, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Ensure a voice for marginalized voices so they are represented
- People should feel represented in their district

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234061>

**Name:** Glenn and Patricia Manson, residents, Yamhill County

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234016>

**Name:** John Meisinger, residents, Washington County

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission
- CD1 should not combine Portland and the Oregon Coast

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/233639>

**Name:** Lindsay Berschauer, Yamhill County Commissioner

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234072>

**Name:** Marschel Hirschfield, resident, Washington County

**Key Points:**

- Ensure a voice for marginalized voices so they are represented
- People should feel represented in their district

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234071>

**Name:** Teresa Muth, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Redistricting should address changing populations, not older population patterns

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/233732>

**Name:** Tkeisha Wydro, resident, McMinville

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234070>

**Name:** Tom Powers, resident, Portland

**Key Points:**

- Community and natural boundaries are more important than county boundaries
- New maps should deemphasize county boundaries in Portland metro region

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234013>

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**Name:** Allison Nunnally, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Do not include Columbia County in a district with the Portland Metro area
- Give rural communities a voice in the redistricting process

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236108>

**Name:** Anna Young, resident, Clatskanie

**Key Points:**

- Committees should consider waterways as part of communities of interest
- Engage with under-represented populations
- Use alternative data until Census data becomes available

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235820>

**Name:** Anonymous, residents, Vernonia

**Key Points:**

- Do not “annex” Vernonia into the Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235813>

**Name:** April Burbank, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in the redistricting process

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235315>

**Name:** Blaine Ackley, resident, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234412>

**Name:** Bob and Donna Jensen, residents, Saint Helens

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area
- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235347>

**Name:** Brian Fawcett, resident, Prescott

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235851>

**Name:** Brian Guinther, resident, Clatskanie

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234935>

**Name:** Brian Stout, resident, Columbia City

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235044>

**Name:** Bruce Holz, resident, Columbia City

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234988>

**Name:** C. Blair Walter, resident, Columbia City

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234788>

**Name:** Carri Hedrick, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Support for independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234720>

**Name:** Charles S. Tindall, resident, Warren

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235483>

**Name:** Cheryl, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235842>

**Name:** Cheryl Breslin, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235260>

**Name:** Christina Hendricks, resident, Rainer

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235882>

**Name:** Dana Mattila, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235665>

**Name:** Daphne Oliver, resident, Clatskanie

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235669>

**Name:** Debby Garman, resident, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Opposed to creating an independent commission
- Use alternative data until Census data arrives

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236107>

**Name:** Deborah Boone, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Include all of Tillamook and Clatsop counties in House District 32

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235552>

**Name:** Della and Howard Larson, residents, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235672>

**Name:** Diane Dillard, resident, Saint Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234987>

**Name:** Diane Pohl, resident, Clatskanie

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235693>

**Name:** Don Kielblock, resident, Warren

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235042>

**Name:** Donna Dietrich, resident, Rainier

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235843>

**Name:** Eric Michael, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235671>

**Name:** Florence Thomas, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235819>

**Name:** Fredrick Butcher, resident, Saint Helens

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235485>

**Name:** Gail Mom, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Keep Portland out of Columbia County

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235258>

**Name:** Gordon, Cathy, Chrissy and Hanna Martens, residents, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235530>

**Name:** Greg Mattila, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that conservative values are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235675>

**Name:** Harold E. Christofferson, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235529>

**Name:** James A. Davis, resident, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235662>

**Name:** James and Susan Collins, residents, Deer Island

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235259>

**Name:** Jean Williams, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235674>

**Name:** Jeff Maloney, veteran

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235273>

**Name:** Jenice Tonneson, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235293>

**Name:** Jennifer Gilbert, resident, Rainier

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area
- Supports creation of a nonpartisan redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235818>

**Name:** Jerome Diedrich, resident, Rainier

**Key Points:**

- Should enact an electoral college for election of Oregon governor

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235850>

**Name:** Jill Stockwell, Vice President, Pacific Industrial Service, Inc., St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235732>

**Name:** Jim Fowler, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235616>

**Name:** Joanne Steinfeld, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235615>

**Name:** Joel Yarbor, resident, Deer Island

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235111>

**Name:** John and Diane Warnele, residents, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235486>

**Name:** Joyce Pereira, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235660>

**Name:** Kathleen Fisher, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235860>

**Name:** Kathy Cooper, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235550>

**Name:** Kathy Engel, resident, Clatskanie

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235309>

**Name:** Keith Forsythe, President and CEO, Pacific Industrial Service, Inc., St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235710>

**Name:** Kenneth Hayes, resident, Gaston

**Key Points:**

- Gaston should be in a district with Yamhill County, rather than Washington County
- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Use alternative sources of data until Census data is available

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235731>

**Name:** Kristie Flanagan, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234933>

**Name:** Larry and Vivian Ward, Dustin and Rachael Ward, Joel and Harmony Givens, Christopher and Hannah Ward, residents, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area
- Urges committee not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235816>

**Name:** Larry Ericksen, President, Port of Columbia County Commission

**Key Points:**

- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235292>

**Name:** Leslie Seeberger, resident, Vernonia

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234932>

**Name:** Liana Viken, resident, Warren

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234991>

**Name:** Lorene Nowling, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235257>

**Name:** Lynette Lange, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235849>

**Name:** M. Robin Loper, resident, Columbia City

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235505>

**Name:** Mackenzie Roberts, resident, Washington County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure to consider the needs of all communities during the redistricting process
- Use alternative sources of data until Census data becomes available

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234989>

**Name:** Manuel and Ida Gatlin, resident, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234937>

**Name:** Margaret Magruder, Casey Garrett, and Henry Heimuller, Columbia County Commission members

**Key Points:**

- Urges creation of an independent redistricting commission

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235551>

**Name:** Marion Christensen, resident, Deer Island

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234934>

**Name:** Marisa Jacobs, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235043>

**Name:** Mark and Ruth Nelson, residents, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235041>

**Name:** Mark Larson, resident, Warren

**Key Points:**

- Opposes all redistricting

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235261>

**Name:** Martha M. Butcher, resident, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235484>

**Name:** Mary Ericksen, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Do not redraw district maps until Census data is available

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235281>

**Name:** Michael and Christina Allen, residents, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236106>

**Name:** Michael Nowling, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235661>

**Name:** Michael Powell, resident, Rainier

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235670>

**Name:** Michelle Overby, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Opposes all redistricting

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235861>

**Name:** Mitchell and Linda Buell, residents, Tillamook County

**Key Points:**

- Do not include south Tillamook County in a district with Lincoln City

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235614>

**Name:** Nancy Reed, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235136>

**Name:** Nancy Starr, resident, Warren

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235668>

**Name:** Nikki Ka, affiliation unknown

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235858>

**Name:** Perry Beisley, resident, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235307>

**Name:** Rebecca Fowler, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area
- Urges committees not to gerrymander new districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234938>

**Name:** Sally Gump, resident, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235883>

**Name:** Sarah Boylan, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234990>

**Name:** Scott Parker, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Please separate Columbia County and Portland into different districts

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235280>

**Name:** Shelley Lessard, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234930>

**Name:** Tami Williams, resident, Deer Island

**Key Points:**

- Do not include parts of Multnomah, Washington, or Yamhill counties in the same district as Columbia County

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235673>

**Name:** Terrell Story, resident, Deer Island

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/235663>

**Name:** Terry Dieterle, resident, Columbia County

**Key Points:**

- Columbia County can take care of itself

**Link to Submitted Testimony:**

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/234931>

**Name:** Theresa Holt, resident, St. Helens

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

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**Name:** Thomas Peter, resident, Scappoose

**Key Points:**

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- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

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**Name:** Tom Davis, resident, Saint Helens

**Key Points:**

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- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

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**Name:** Tom Powers, resident, Portland

**Key Points:**

- Maps

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**Name:** Tony and Dana Hyde, residents, Vernonia

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process

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**Name:** Traci Brumbles, resident, Deer Island

**Key Points:**

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- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

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**Name:** Tricia Stockwell, resident, Columbia City

**Key Points:**

- Make sure that rural areas are represented in redistricting process
- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

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**Name:** Vik Overbay, resident, Columbia City

**Key Points:**

- Do not merge rural areas with Portland Metro area

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**Name:** Walter and Roberta Hellman, residents, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Include of all City of Hillsboro into a single legislative district

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**Name:** Walter and Roberta Hellman, residents, Hillsboro

**Key Points:**

- Urges committee not to gerrymander new districts

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