

Support Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, an Environmental Justice Framework for Oregon

Senate Concurrent Resolution 17, an Environmental Justice Framework for Oregon, recognizes the health, dignity, and agency of all people and lends support and credence to the environmental justice work many underrepresented Oregon communities want to see implemented.

Throughout modern history resolutions have spelled out the obligation to take special care to redress conditions of those who have faced disproportionate harms and hardships. Passing this resolution is Oregon’s opportunity to be on the right side of history; it expresses our collective values in the face of injustice and targeted inequities. It can be likened to the United Nations General Assembly when representatives joined together to adopt the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) to directly call out the atrocities and genocide of World War II and set a universal standard of fundamental human rights.

It’s been 72 years since the first human rights declaration was drafted and adopted. We must continue to work towards justice for all. Now is the time to adopt a set of shared values to create a civil and just society that promotes the environmental health and quality of life that everyone deserves.

The principles of **SCR 17**, the Environmental Justice Framework Resolution, are true to Oregon’s and our nation’s experience. Oregon decision makers can join together to amplify the voices and needs of those people who have long been underserved and overburdened by complex and continuing environmental problems - including air pollution, water infrastructure, fire and flooding - and to declare our collective responsibility to build a more equitable and sustainable future.

We look to all our leaders to vote yes on SCR 17 so that Oregon can take its place in a long legacy of declarations that propel humans toward a just and inclusive community.

