

I am writing in strong support of HB 2488. How we make decisions on our land use has been the basis of our ability to enjoy both important economic uses like agriculture and also protect the land for recreation and wildlife. Now with climate change effects becoming more evident yearly and heightened awareness of the shortcomings of some of our past decisions that were made without regard to poorer communities; we must move forward and create policy that addresses both climate resilience and environmental justice.

I support more public participation from a variety of Oregonians, those most effected by decisions on the table. I suggest we look to SB1000 passed in California for a framework to move forward to both achieve positive climate outcomes while listening to those of us who have been most over-looked and have the most experience in living with past mistakes that continue to effect people in negative ways.

We all want a just and climate-resilient future for our state. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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