

To: House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
From: Laurie Dougherty, Salem, OR. Member 350 Salem OR
Re: Support for HB 2488 LCDC goal for climate justice

I urge you to vote yes on HB 2488 which "Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to make changes to statewide land use planning goals by December 31, 2026, to address climate justice by addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation and environmental justice for disadvantaged communities."

This change is necessary because we know that how land is developed and used, how and where we live both affect climate change and are affected by climate change.

We know a lot more about climate change than when the LCDC goals were first established. We now know that the harmful impacts of climate change are already happening.

We also know that the impacts both of climate change and of the changes needed to transition to new energy and land use practices fall hardest on vulnerable low income and disadvantaged communities. These communities must have a voice in climate solutions and climate solutions must incorporate their needs and concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment