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I strongly support HB 2488 which Requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to make changes to statewide land use planning goals for the following reasons:

- Climate change is a growing threat to life on the planet and disaster will only be averted with specific actions at the local level. Changing statewide land use planning goals to address climate change is one such action.
- Populations of color, indigenous peoples and low income communities have borne a disproportionate amount of local human-caused environmental degradation. Land use regulation is one route to preventing further degradation of local environments
- Oregon has been an international leader in land use planning and can influence other governments to follow our example with regard to climate change prevention and mitigation. A global action for combat climate change is essential to preserving the sustainable ecosystems on which all life depends.
- One aspect of human rights is environmental justice. All peoples have the right to clean air, clean water, and a local environment free of toxic substances and degradation of the natural ecosystem.