

SCR 17, Environmental Justice for Oregon, would do the following: Recognize the impacts & disadvantages created by discriminatory practices in our state; give access to all communities regarding renewable energy, clean air & water, nonpolluting transportation systems, valued jobs, & healthy living environments; require accountability of state agencies to properly include these communities in the decision making & planning; and requests allocation of state resources to repair & invest in communities with people of color.

It is criminal for any community to be exposed to poisons & pollution. Again & again, the folks in West Eugene come to mind- as they live way too close to polluting industries, & are exposed on a daily basis to toxins, with complaints of shortness of breath, skin rashes, headaches, asthma, eyes burning- only to name a few. As Oregon addresses the climate crisis, we need to make sure our underserved communities are taken into consideration & their voices heard- unlike the past!

Please support this crucial legislation.

Thank you for your time & consideration,

Carla Hervert, RN, MS

Eugene, OR