

SCR 17 Environmental Justice Framework

Support for the Environmental Justice Framework.

I wish to point out that native Oregonians have been subject to genocidal policies for centuries. I grew up in Stuart Lennox, one of the original Oregon redline neighborhoods in Klamath County. These issues are not specific to Portland, they apply across the entire state.

Indigenous voices need special consideration and support for elevating their opinions to the table. Recommend specific committee spots be allocated to Indigenous Voices of Oregon. During my time in advocacy in Portland I have been subjected to bias and discrimination. For instance, for 4 years the PBOT Freight Committee prevented me from presenting transportation solutions from my experience working abroad in NZ. **I was systematically shut down from most transport circles for many years; including bias experienced from members of this very same committee.**

In New Zealand my voice was heard and respected. In Portland, my input and character has been slandered. We can no longer rely on union leadership for conversations on environmental justice or race. They were a part of the problem as they are with the Portland Police Association.

The single most important thing this committee can do is liberate the public utility rate database structures. **We do not know where all that offset money is going and is ripe for corruption.**

And just like we have a standardized crude barrel of oil price in the transport sector we need access to standardized utility rate data for comparing efficiencies across sectors.

Carbon reduction bonuses and tax credits should be halted on all utility providers who hide their pricing schemas.

Liberate the data and let innovators innovate with the most accurate up to date information. This policy is free to implement and within the legal authority of this legislative body to pursue.

Release of public utility raw data can contribute to and support the development of waypoints, as suggested by Better Energy testimony. However, it should be noted that conversions from fossil fuel to battery cell technology creates demand for mining precious minerals. These localized pollution activities impact local indigenous communities that aren't accounted for in a trade based offset credit program. Nor do these communities want expansions of capitalist trading programs. Fix the problems at the source. No offset credits. Acknowledge the trillion-dollar recovery package will increase carbon production. Market based economic recoveries need to be offset with community based small scale carbon reduction programs. This is where innovation will occur. Bean counters make great innovators.

I support the continued efforts of this committee to reconcile these issues. Generally sticking with and distributing the most accurate electricity data is the most equitable FREE policy for generating innovation in the renewable energy sector.

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