

## HB2488TestimonyBybee

In passing the Land Conservation and Development Act in 1973, Oregon set a model for the nation. It took seriously its responsibility to its children, the future and the health of our state and planet. Now it is time to reaffirm and strengthen our commitment to future generations and to begin the process of addressing longstanding inequities in land use policy. HB 2488 will help the state to lead the nation in supporting local governments to address climate change, achieve environmental justice, and ensure equitable participation of disadvantaged and historically underserved communities in land use decisions. This is both a climate emergency and a moral emergency. Now is the time to take this step to continue to nurture the state we love and share.