

It is time for Oregon to take Climate change into serious consideration when making all land use decisions. It is time for Oregon to consider our underserved and historically excluded communities in these decisions. Justice in this sense allows more power to go to the people who are most effected by the land use decisions. This bill will support these efforts.

As an owner of the Columbines School of Botanical Studies, I regularly witness the effects of climate change on our forests and ecosystems while I am in the field teaching students about botany and ecology. As a resident of Lane County, I am concerned with wildfires endangering our homes and functional quality of our ecosystems. I am concerned with warming rivers and fish die off, with drought stressed trees, and diminishing snowpack. I think we should be considering climate change in every decision we make, and finding a way forward to reverse the effects of climate change. We need large action to sequester carbon, reduce emissions, find alternatives, and reduce our energy consumption while not leaving anyone behind who doesn't have the resources to change quickly. This bill is what we need to equitably care for all Oregonians and the land and climate that supports all of our lives. This bill will help everyone. Oregon can be a leader in climate change action. The time is now!