

I support HB 2488 and urge its passage. Land use decisions we make now will impact Oregon and Oregonians (as well as the rest of the world) for many decades. With climate change already well underway, we must mandate that every jurisdiction with land use responsibilities takes climate change into consideration and includes all impacted communities in deliberations. Land use decisions impact sources of greenhouse gas emissions through energy use for building construction and operation, infrastructure development, transportation, and so much more. And they impact resilience to climate-related changes including water availability, flooding, storm damage, wildfire, and more. It is vitally important that greenhouse gas emissions and resilience to climate change be significant factors in land use planning.