

Testimony for HB 2488
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To: Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, Vice-Chair Helm and members of the Committee

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I support HB 2488-2 amendments

Oregon was once a leader in protecting the environment as a benefit to everyone in the state. Tom McCall (a Republican), was my hero for putting ideals into action - for cleaning up the Willamette, protecting beach access for everyone, and establishing the importance of land use planning to preserve quality of our shared environment.

HB 2488-2 brings his legacy up to date by creating a new Goal 20 that will direct local governments to address climate change, achieve environmental justice and ensure equitable participation of disadvantaged and historically underserved communities in land use decisions.

This bill represents the ideals of Oregon at their best.

I urge you to vote to move HB 2488-2 out of Committee and so that the entire legislature can vote in into law.

Thank you