

My name is Kathleen Worley. I live in Portland and strongly support HB2488-2.

While Oregon was a pioneer in land use planning, updating of the original plan is long overdue. This bill creates provisions that direct the state and local governments to make revisions that directly address crucial issues of our time: climate change and social justice. In particular the provisions related to equity mapping and identification of greenhouse gas emissions can guide us toward being pioneers in responding to the climate crisis without simply creating sacrifice communities. It offers precisely the kind of guidance for inclusive, responsible climate-responsive land use planning that we need for a healthy future and it offers both a timeline and financial support to make that happen.