HB 4077: Environmental Justice for All The Power of Data and Mapping

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Overview of HB 4077: Environmental Justice for All

- Takes the Environmental Justice Task Force (EJTF) into the next stage of its work
 - Rename the EJTF into the Environmental Justice Council (EJC)
 - Expand membership to broaden representation
 - Bring more state agencies under the jurisdiction of the Council
- Builds a mapping tool to visualize data and information to help increase understanding between agencies and environmental justice communities
 - Directs the Environmental Justice Council to develop a process that will engage with communities across the state
 - Work in consultation with the Institute of Natural Resources and the DAS Geospatial Enterprise Office (GEO)
 - Community outreach and engagement with Environmental Justice Council and other interested parties

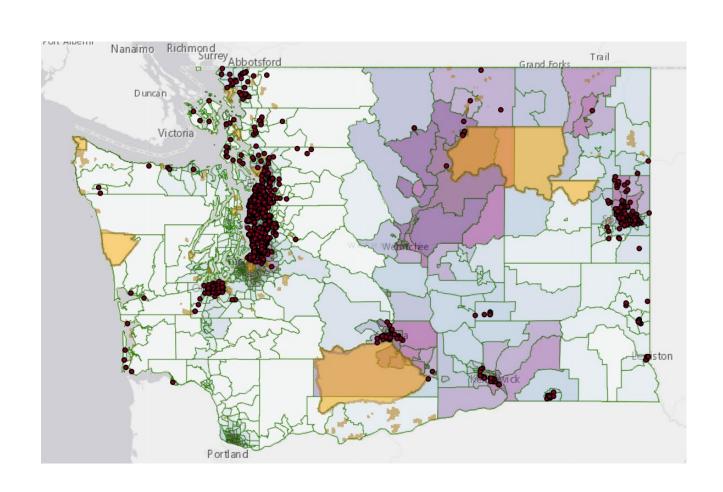


The Importance of Mapping and Data

- Informs outreach and engagement practices, and program implementation
- Built to identify underserved communities and support grant writing and community awareness efforts
- Ensure that investments go directly to benefit frontline communities most affected by poverty and pollution
- Seeks to create equitable recovery for all Oregonians facing challenges created by aging infrastructure, a frayed social safety net, natural disasters

Washington's Health Disparities Map

- Particulate matter data
- Tribal land boundaries
- Locations of adult care facilities





Purpose of the EJM Tool

- 1. Identify and help prioritize communities that need resource investments from state and federal funding
- 2. Enhance community engagement and outreach in state agency processes

Examples:

- Smoke impacts on people with asthma in wildfire prone areas to prioritize access to filtration devices and health services
- Renewable energy development in areas with low energy access
- Clean Water Revolving fund to allocate funding received from federal government to the communities that need it the most
- Implement planning where food deserts and lack of public transit persist to serve communities with low incomes



Process to Create the EJM Tool

- EJC will drive the Community Engagement Process to incorporate community input
- EJC will work with DAS-GEO and INR to develop the methodology for data collection and agencies will provide staff support
- INR will collect data and build map on Oregon Explorer platform
- Other agencies will engage to fill gaps in data collection
- Community gives input into the types of data and uses of the tool