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The deadly heatwave in the Pacific Northwest in 2021 showed how important it is to increase tree cover and cool residential neighborhoods. This bill will provide funding for projects to do just that.. Provisions favoring areas where many elderly or low-income Oregonians live are sensible, as it was shown that these populations were more vulnerable to harm during the heatwave. Scientists predict that summer temperatures across Oregonian are likely to keep rising, which will increase the probability that we will see more heatwaves. I think taking action to prevent foreseeable future harm like this is the responsible thing to do. And the other qualifying projects are also valuable for improving the environment and the quality of life in Oregon.