

Submitter: Diane Ware

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

Date: March 19, 2023 To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Support for HB 2990 Community Resilience Hubs Dear Chair Marsh, Co-Chairs,

and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment, My

name is Diane Ware , and I live in Medford and I am writing to you because I belong

to the Medford United Church of Christ church.. I support HB 2990 to create a grant

program through the Office of Resilience and Emergency Management that will go

directly to communities to build and implement Community Resilience Hubs and

networks. I support Community Resilience Hubs because: Our community

experienced the Almeda Fire disaster I participated in some mutual aid and emotional

support of a friend who lost her home and possessions and welcoming people into

temporary homes in Gateway Community. The entire neighborhood where I

previously owned a home was destroyed and only due to a change in the winds was

my current home saved. With our communities being continually threatened by

wildfires, extreme heat and winds, with weeks of smoke, we need many places where

people can gather and care for each other. I urge you to vote Yes on HB 2990 to

invest in building stronger communities, and create the resources and connections to

make it easier for Oregonians the next time disaster strikes. Stronger communities

can make the difference between surviving and thriving. Sincerely, Diane Ware

Medford, Oregon