

Submitter: John Livingston

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

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 John Livingston and I live in Salem and I am writing to you because Oregon has a very underfunded response organization to community impacts from large disasters. 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: Climate change is impacting fire spread on a massive scale. A large earthquake will strike someday and our coastal areas and river shores will see massive damage. Community Resilience Hubs are a mechanism for us to plan now for the next disaster and provide a funding mechanism to build facilities that will be ready when needed. We are stronger together. When our communities are threatened by wildfires, extreme heat, and other climate disasters, we look out for our neighbors. By creating places to gather and care for each other in good times and bad, we strengthen our bonds and foster close-knit, resilient communities. 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, John Livingston Salem, Oregon