

Submitter: Marcella Tish Martinez

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

Dear Members of the Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

There is a lack of support from neighboring communities but we share the same county We are not served or under served describes the continuous battle to be a united community members. Off reservation communities have reached out offered what help they could during a disaster, but remains a constant struggle in accessing support from local state and federal government- essential first responders, for fires come in and hire many for the cause but using community members for contracts is not commonly done. Partnerships between community groups and local Governments - there is very little of this. It remains as though our indigenous continues to go under served or ignored till the disaster effects off reservation resources. People of Color on the warm springs Indian reservation continue to battle the stigma of be indigenous. My grandson a Native American / African American was physical abused by a teacher 2 years later reprimanded by state or Oregon for a teacher abusing my disabled grandson. In sisters oregon a man said you filthy Indians.... The indigenous communities, BIPOC communities are not safe and often go with out recourse for flagrant racism, a woman with THC/Alcohol kills 3 in a head on accident her face is not plastered on front page of news paper, no mug shot shown of her on sight but indigenous we make the mug shot front page, there's a difference white and people of color....

I support HB 2990 because there is lack of support for indigenous communities. We are in need of a hub, a central place to gather, because every time other communities get money to take care of indigenous communities, we don't see the direct resources helping our people. A tiny portion of money actually comes into our communities and these hubs will help OUR community directly allocate funds to where they're needed.

Sincerely,
Marci Tish Martinez