

March 24, 2023

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment 900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, and members of the Committee:

RE: House Bill 2990

I am writing in support of HB 2990, which would create grants to build community-led resilience hubs.

I moved to Oregon in 2019. Since that time, there have been a series of climate-related emergencies and disasters, which have caused great hardship to the citizens of this state. Fires, poor air quality, ice-storms, power outages, extreme heat and cold are now regular and predictable occurrences. Many in the state have inadequate resources to support them during these times.

I am a member of my local (Portland) Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), and a clinical social worker. I have deployed as a NET in response to many of these emergencies as well as COVID-19 related efforts (testing and vaccination centers). I've seen first-hand how much resilience hubs are needed both in rural areas, and urban neighborhoods, like the one where I live, which has many low-income and underserved populations.

I urge you to support HB 2990.

Thank you,

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