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House Committee on Climate Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

Re: HB 2990 – Support

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

Verde is a community-based organization whose mission is to build environmental wealth through organizing, advocacy and social enterprise. We support HB 2990, because community stability in the face of any adverse event is an example of environmental wealth.

As part of our work in the Cully neighborhood, Verde has engaged with the City of Portland NET program to develop culturally specific curricula in multiple languages that help meet the needs of communities who are likely to have their needs met last in the event of a natural disaster. These communities will need places to go and strong processes to stay connected and supported. HB 2990 creates the mechanisms needed to help grow this work and ensure that it is accessible to communities not just in Portland but across Oregon. By not restricting resources to the event of an emergency, HB 2990 also creates flexibility for communities like Cully to build the necessary structures, connections, and practices to be ready no matter what comes.

Respectfully,

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