

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3062.

My name is lara pacheco, and I am writing because I'm an Oregonian and as a LAc treat a lot of people who suffer from a variety of illnesses. I strongly support HB 3062, which will help protect Oregon communities from the harmful impacts of industrial development near homes, schools, hospitals, and other sensitive locations.

Oregon's current land use system does not require cities and counties to consider the public health and environmental justice impacts of industrial siting decisions. This means that communities—especially those that are low-income or BIPOC—are often forced to live with pollution, noise, traffic hazards, and environmental degradation without having a say in the process. HB 3062 is a much-needed update that will bring certainty, fairness, transparency, and public health considerations into land use decision-making.

This bill will:

- Require local governments or industrial applicants to assess potential health and environmental justice impacts before approving industrial projects near sensitive areas.
- Ensure community members have a voice in the process through public hearings.
- Provide businesses and cities with clear, proactive guidelines to prevent conflicts before they arise.
- Reduce costly legal battles and complaints by addressing concerns upfront.
- Align Oregon's land use planning with our environmental justice commitments to create healthier, more resilient communities.

Economic growth should not come at the expense of community health and well-being. By modernizing our land use planning system, HB 3062 will help Oregon build a future where both businesses and communities can thrive

responsibly. I urge you to support this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
lara pacheco