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Oregon land use goals were written fifty years ago and fail to specifically detail climate change within any of the nineteen statewide land use planning goals. These goals lack standards for achieving environmental justice and climate impacts.

The new statewide land use planning goal, Goal 20, ensures that climate, equity, and environmental justice are addressed in land use planning decisions. Environmental risks and pollution hazards are too often situated in the communities that can least afford or are least equipped to cope such as BIPOC and low income people.

I urge your support in adopting HB 2488 to update land use planning systems to address climate change impacts, environmental justice, and equity in the planning system. I also urge your support in House Committee on Energy and Environment to indicate their direction for the recommended budget of \$800,000 to both initiate and finish adoption of new Goal 20 for equity and climate.

HB 2488 will guarantee climate and equity responsive land use planning by Oregon's local governments and ensure that the state is prepared for the unique challenges ahead for this century.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
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