

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, Vice-Chair Helm and members of the Committee:

I am Ann Wiselogle and have lived in Oregon for 50 years. I have worked as an advocate in transportation planning, and worked as a mediator for the City of Gresham for twenty-three years. I have applauded Oregon's forward thinking on planning, and applaud the current work to upgrade the state planning goals to include equity among all peoples and to include health and safety concerns for climate change.

I support the HB 2488 -2 amendments.

As a mediator, I have seen the undisputed need to involve all the right people in a decision, which must include those that have a stake and of course those who have been left out and overlooked by their race or gender or beliefs. Decisions made with everyone present are the better decisions: they last, they offer the best results, and everyone is satisfied.

An advocate in planning usually starts from behind for an uphill struggle for change, and in the current society, if you're not of a majority group, then you don't have much chance of success in improving the situation. Everyone needs to feel their input matters, and this bill takes a step to that in the planning field.

In the Portland area, Johnson Creek once flowed freely; then after houses were built it would frequently flood neighboring homes, so the city added some mitigating swale areas. Now that climate change has increased serious weather phenomena, we clearly need to incorporate climate thinking into all our planning.

This is the right step for Oregon to take at this point to ensure equitability among people and climate protection for the environment through planning, with details to be developed by and for the various cities and counties.

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