

Hello,

My name is Michael Harker. I am a Registered Nurse and I live in Albany, Oregon. I am writing to encourage you to support HB 2488.

A measure like this is long overdue, as we are seeing from the consequences from climate change everyday. The devastating wildfires that have destroyed communities and took lives in our home state this past year are only one example of many of the consequences of climate change, and we know there is much more to expect.

We know the science. We know the human cost, we see it every year now. There is no option to ignore this. If Oregon's land use planning has not been updated in 50 years, that means there is no accounting for climate change, and that means that for right now there may as well be no long-term land use plan. Planning for climate change is a public health issue. It is a justice issue. It is an equity issue. And it is a necessity.

A plan to make a long-range plan to adapt and mitigate climate change's effect on Oregon and the people that live here is essential. By adapting a land-use plan that takes into account the needs of the diverse communities of Oregon as well as the impacts of climate change, we can move forward as a state to prepare for a better future for all Oregonians.

Please support HB 2488.

With regards,

Michael Harker
Albany, Oregon.