

My name is Es Rose and I live in Albany, OR. I have read HB24888 and strongly support it. It is one of the first (if not the first) bill of its kind to clearly define environmental justice, disparate impact, and disadvantaged groups. With Oregon's history of disproportionately impacting BIPOC, we have no hope of rectifying the past if we do not begin clearly defining such people in our laws, in order to continue helping them. While I find no great faults with Oregon's previous land management and planning laws, they were written in the 1970s and are overdue for an update. The impacts of climate change are more well known now, and any bills on land management from this point forward need to include considerations for climate justice, as well as considerations for BIPOC, immigrant, and low-income communities, which this bill does.