

"This bill will adopt a new Goal 20 for climate change and equity that prioritizes the needs of historically underserved communities and address climate change." Climate action is necessary, but so is social equity. This means we will need a very intentional and deliberate approach to shape Oregon communities towards better access, opportunity, and health conditions. HB 2488 will make sure that this intentionality is a step in the process. While it may be costly, nothing is more valuable than human life. Every person deserves a safe healthy place to live. This HB will aid in the housing crisis, allowing increase of density without encroaching into natural habitat, habitat that is vital for our clean air and ecosystem. These pieces go together. We must see equity, climate action, and progress as one. It is never too late to start shaping our communities for good.