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To: House Committee on Energy and Environment; [others]

Re: I OPPOSE [SCR 17]...The racist mob in the Legislature wielding its' divisive hatred, again.

[SCR 17] excerpt states, " ... Whereas environmental justice prioritizes impacted and traditionally underrepresented communities and embraces the principle that all people and communities have the right to equal protection and equal enforcement of environmental laws and regulations;..." \*\* <u>The preamble to assert the "racist crutch" to appease mob rule</u>.

"...Whereas <u>frontline communities</u> are Black, Native American, Indigenous and People of Color communities and immigrant and low-income communities that historically and presently experience the brunt of health, economic and ecological impacts and have been made more vulnerable to the consequences of climate change because of these factors;..." \*\*<u>The</u> incorporation of "systemic racism" into Oregon law by "racist politicians" in lieu of "equal treatment of all persons."

"...Whereas a legacy of segregation, economic exclusion and historically biased zoning codes and planning laws have concentrated toxic polluters and environmental hazards near and within frontline communities;..." \*\* <u>Go pound salt.</u>

"...Whereas disparate and cumulative exposures to environmental pollution contribute to health and financial inequities in frontline communities, resulting in increased illness and mortality and decreased economic security; and Whereas the futures of essential workers, our youth and low-income and vulnerable rural and urban communities are at risk of irreparable harm from the consequences of climate change impacts, natural disasters and disruptions and public health crises." \*\* <u>Don't even try to sell this bull-manure. The personal responsibility of all persons is not addressed.</u>

"... Resolved, **That state agencies will develop guidance** for the consideration of environmental justice in implementing their statutory and regulatory responsibilities and <u>will consult with the Environmental Justice Task Force</u> to ensure that actions are taken to correct environmental injustices and improve public health and <u>overall well-being of all communities</u>; ..." \*\*<u>The Environmental Task Force is a useless "racist organization</u>." What are the cumulative costs and funding source(s)?

"... That Oregon will make <u>reparative investments</u> in frontline communities and direct state resources to ensure that policies and processes are focused on building systems for healthy food, renewable energy infrastructure, clean air and water, good jobs with a family-sustaining wage and a range of workforce services and skills training;..." <u>Explain "reparative investments." Better treat everyone equally under the law!</u> What are the cumulative costs and funding source(s)?

"... a regenerative economy in Oregon will be based on community health protection, *respect for traditional ecological knowledge systems* and the full and fair participation of Black, Native American, Indigenous and People of Color communities, essential workers, youth, low-income people and those who are most vulnerable in rural and urban communities." \*\*<u>Vague and ambiguous predicated along racist driven protocols and preferences with reckless disregard for "equal treatment of all persons under the law." In other words, more racist crap.</u>

\*\*\*It is an imperative to read the entire text of [SCR 17] to form an independent, informed opinion.

In my opinion, [SCR 17] raises some good points to be applied, "equally, to all persons under the law."

Unfortunately, [SCR 17] is steeped with racist crap which is divisive, hateful and unproductive for Oregon.

As with *all* legislation incorporating "systemic racism" into Oregon law, [SCR 17] should be trashed.

*Respectfully submitted* /s/ David S. Wall