

Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

Testimony in Support of HB 4067

February 21, 2022

Chair Manning, Vice-Chair Thomsen, and Senators
Armitage, Linthicum, and Patterson,

For the record, my name is Jackie Leung, Co-Chair of the Oregon Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs. I am writing to you in regards to HB 4067 - Relating to the urban flood safety and water quality district.

1. OCAPIA's role is to work toward economic, social, political, and legal equity for Oregon's Asian and Pacific Islander population. We do this through advocacy, public policy research, leadership development, and partnerships.

2. In our statutory role of bringing equity focus and community voice into Oregon policy making, OCAPIA strongly supports HB 4067.

Back in 2019, the Oregon legislature passed SB 431 to create the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District. This district is meant to manage the large network of levees, pump stations, and conveyances to reduce the risk of flooding in our state. The bill was to create a partnership to modernize flood safety and management.

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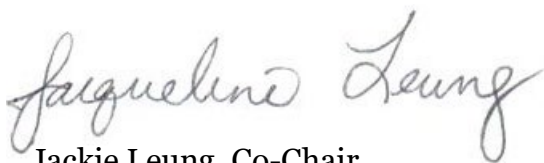
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Despite initial work from the board to identify mechanisms in addressing flood and providing flood mitigation efforts, unforeseen barriers to SB 431 resulted. HB 4067 seeks to make the necessary changes for the success of SB 431's implementation. This includes the creation of a revenue structure and accelerates the program from multiple programs to a single, modern, and sustainable district capable of meeting the region's flood safety and climate needs.

Passing HB 4067 is necessary and critical towards ensuring that the state can modernize flood safety infrastructure to protect all Oregon residents from the dangers of flooding and ensuring clean water for all.

Sincerely,



Jackie Leung, Co-Chair

The Oregon Commission on Asian & Pacific Islander Affairs

