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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General
Government, and Veterans

Measure: HB2650

Dear Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General
Government & Veterans,

I am writing in support of HB 2650.

Our legislative process aspires to make laws that equitably serve us all. But when legislative workgroups and task forces lack diverse voices, the process often creates policies and rules that don't support – or worse, negatively affect – people across the state, particularly Black, Indigenous, Latine, and other Oregonians of color, as well as other historically underserved communities.

By requiring that policy-making tables integrate community-based organizations and people with lived experience, Oregon would generate better and more equitable outcomes in housing, health, business, public safety, and education. It is imperative that work group and task force members to be compensated for their time and travel as well.

Please pass HB 2650!

Thank you,

-Stacey Boatright.

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