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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB2650

I'm writing to say YES on 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.

We can ensure equitable policy outcomes by requiring task forces and workgroups to include the people who are most affected by these policies.