

Submitter: Rene Braga

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: Support for HB 2990 Community Resilience Hubs

Dear Chair Marsh, Co-Chairs, and Members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment,

Hello for the record my name is Rene Braga and I'm a Rogue Valley Community member, I'm in full support of HB 2990 Community Resilience Hubs, because as a fire affected victim I experienced the hardship of not having a resource center that we could get all the assistance we needed in a centralized fashion and instead we had to roam around for months going from one organization to another, navigating very complicated processes to be able to accomplish what HB 2990 Community Resilience Hubs would do, I can attest that hundreds of community members were not able to get any emergency assistance due to language barriers, they were left to fend for themselves in a very chaotic sea of administrative processes that mostly only left them disappointed and forgotten.

With Community Resilience hubs we could as a community help each other by creating places to gather and care for each other in good times and bad, we strengthen our bonds and foster close-knit, resilient communities. I urge you to vote Yes on HB 2990 to invest in building stronger communities, and create the resources and connections to make it easier for Oregonians the next time disaster strikes. Stronger communities can make the difference between surviving and thriving.

Sincerely,
Rene Braga
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