

Submitter: Lauren Isaac

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB2990

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

My name is Lauren Isaac and I live in Portland. I am writing you as a citizen concerned about our communities' ability to withstand natural disasters. I am a retiree of Portland General Electric and I saw how hard it was for our customers during even short power outages. We saw during the Heat Dome that some people died from lack of a cool place to be. Extreme weather, wildfires or even a Cascadia Subduction event are likely in our future.

I support Community Resilience Hubs because:

--in my experience many people will need cool places or warm places or places to recharge their cell phones in the likely event of extreme heat or cold or wildfires or electrical service interruptions due to any of these conditions. Community Resilience Hubs allow us to provide care to people vulnerable in these situations--our neighbors, our loved ones;

--by planning now we will be able to provide seamless care, and more efficiently than if we apply a less systematic, community-based approach.

I urge you to vote yes on HB2990. Community Resilience Hubs will strengthen our ability to survive the next natural disaster. Caring for ourselves together is the basis of government. Community Resilience hubs apply this care to the most difficult of times.

Thank you,  
Lauren Isaac  
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