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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2659

This bill would allow eight major urban areas in our state to back out of our newly adopted Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) program.

The CFEC program was supported by numerous Oregonians, businesses, and organizations. And, it was created with guidance from a historically diverse advisory committee, representing some of the most marginalized communities in our state. Implementing the CFEC program is a historic opportunity to try to make right on unjust actions of our past in terms of housing, urban policy, climate pollution, and environmental justice. This bill does the opposite by delaying and repealing this program.

All of us deserve access to walkable and bikeable neighborhoods with diverse, affordable housing, served by safe, low-cost transit options. Do not pass this bill--this will be taking steps backwards.