



Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Levy, and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment, my name is Laurie Dougherty. I live in Salem and am writing on behalf of 350 Salem OR, local chapter of international climate justice organization 350.org.

We support HB 3170 which will appropriate \$10 million for a second round of funding for Community Resilience Hubs. The first round received about 700 proposals of which only 96 were funded. This level of demand shows the great need for these projects in Oregon.

Communities receiving grants under the program can design Resilience Hubs that meet their expected needs before, during and after a disaster strikes. This could include advance preparation, coordinating information; offering emergency shelter, distributing food, clean water, and medical supplies; using generators or stored renewable energy to maintain communication with emergency responders and service providers and to enable residents to charge phones and medical devices.

Oregon has experienced wildfires and extreme weather, including excessive heat, floods, landslides, and ice and wind storms that damage property, disrupt power sources and transportation and put lives in danger. We know that climate change is making such disasters more frequent and severe. On top of that we all live with the threat of a powerful earthquake. The growing uncertainty about federal funds and programs makes state and local disaster readiness all the more urgent and necessary.

Time and again we see people respond to disasters with an impulse to help. Community Resilience Hubs can focus these efforts, maintain neighborhood cohesion and ensure that the most vulnerable residents have access to resources they need for immediate survival and long-term recovery.

We urges the Committee to vote Yes on HB 3170 with a Do Pass recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.  
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