



Date: February 3rd, 2025

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment

Subject: Support for HB 3170 Resilience Hubs and Networks

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, Vice-Chair Bobby Levy, and Members of the House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment:

My name is Raevyn Thompson and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I am an Environmental and Climate Justice Organizer with Beyond Toxics, who is passionate about the land, environment, and communities within them. I support HB 3170 to provide an additional \$10 million in funding for Resilience Hubs and Networks. Extreme weather and wildfires continue to hurt Oregonians, and we must ensure all communities have access to the resources and networks they need to thrive, not just survive.

I support HB 3170 and the continued funding of Resilience Hubs and Networks because: With the majority of my life living in Southern Oregon and being a resident of Eugene for 7 years, I have experienced extreme heat and wildfires in the summers, leaving many Oregonians with unsafe air quality for prolonged days and restricted indoor air quality. Many Oregonians who are not housed, can not guarantee the quality of the air in their living spaces is safe and protected from toxins of outdoor smoke pollution. Too many Oregonians have lost housing due to wildfires. These fire victims rely on Resilience Hubs and Networks during these crucial times.

I have experienced extreme cold, snow, and ice storms in Oregon with the most recent affecting the Portland area. Many communities in Oregon do not have the infrastructure, emergency preparedness, or safety protocols put into place during these events. As extreme weather increases due to climate change, it's evident that Resilience Hubs and Networks are an essential part of emergency preparedness and continuing community resilience. I support this continued funding of Resilience Hubs and Networks to ensure the safety, connection of resources, and emergency response and networks that support them!

So far, Resilience Hubs and Networks have invested \$10 million in locally-driven, community-led efforts to prepare us for disaster. During the last grant cycle, the state received over 700 applications and was only able to fund 96 of them, demonstrating the clear need for continued funding for Resilience Hubs and Networks.

These grants helped communities repair buildings that are emergency shelters, purchase satellite phones, generators, solar generators, water purification systems, and emergency vehicles; and financed staff positions like nurses and outreach staff. These investments will save lives, help first responders, speed recovery, and benefit the communities that are hit first and worst by extreme weather, wildfires, and other natural disasters.

I urge you to support HB 3170 so we can continue building strong Oregon communities.

Sincerely,  
Raevyn Thompson  
Eugene, Oregon