

Monday, February 3rd 2025

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment

Subject: Support for 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,

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (Oregon PSR) is an organization of over 2,000 health professionals and public health advocates working to address the gravest threats to human health and survival. One of the gravest threats facing human health and survival at this moment is the climate crisis. For this reason, we are submitting testimony in support of HB 3170. This bill will provide an additional \$10 million for Resilience Hubs and Networks. As Oregonians face extreme weather events and its detrimental health consequences, it is important now more than ever that people, especially overburdened communities, have access to resilience hubs and networks.

Resilience hubs and networks are life saving and promote numerous health benefits by providing spaces for communities to access critical services and essential resources during climate disasters. HB 3170 will provide monies for a number of services and resources, including but not limited to the repair of emergency shelter buildings, the purchase of medical supplies, satellite phones, generators, and water purification systems, and the financing of staff positions such as healthcare professionals and outreach staff. In Oregon, we have experienced various climate catastrophes that have highlighted and exacerbated existing health inequities. Resilience hubs and networks help address these inequities by providing frontline communities the necessary resources and services to thrive, not just survive the climate emergency.



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Resilience Hubs and Networks are a vital investment in protecting Oregonians from climate change-driven health risks. Oregon PSR strongly urges you to support HB 3170.

Sincerely,



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