

Support for Resilience Hubs and Networks
House Committee on Energy and Environment



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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:

My name is **Kianna Angelo**, and I am writing to you on behalf of **Living Islands Non-Profit**, an educational and awareness organization supporting the **Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander** communities in Oregon.

Living Islands Non-Profit supports **HB 3170**, which provides an additional \$10 million in funding for Resilience Hubs and Networks. As the only non-profit to provide a consolidated map of heating and cooling centers for the NHPI community, we have seen how extreme weather and wildfires continue to hurt Oregonians. We must continue the efforts to ensure that all communities have access to the resources and networks they need during extreme events.

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 but was only able to fund around 10% of the projects, demonstrating the clear need for continued funding.

These grants helped communities repair emergency shelters, provide communications, generators, water purification systems, emergency vehicles, and finance 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.

Please support **HB 3170** so we can continue to support **all** Oregon communities in need.

Sincerely,

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