

REPRESENTATIVE ANNESSA HARTMAN (SHE/HER)
HOUSE DISTRICT 40



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens, Vice-Chair McDonald, members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present HB 3528 which represents a step in continuing our commitment to ensuring that all Oregonians, especially those who have historically been left behind, have access to clean, safe water.

HB 3528 addresses these inequities by continuing the critical work of the Just Futures Initiative and PSU's Institute for Tribal Government. These organizations provide small grants to frontline communities, empowering them to tackle pressing water issues, like aging infrastructure, and build resilience in the face of these challenges. This funding has already made a real difference in our communities.

For example:

- The 7 Waters Canoe Family's riparian survey and restoration project not only improved water quality but also connected people to the land in a deeply personal and cultural way; and
- The partnership between the Necanicum Watershed Council and the Chinook Indian Nation has shown how Indigenous knowledge can transform watershed restoration efforts, creating conservation models that are inclusive and sustainable.

These projects are just the beginning. By continuing this funding, we can stand with the communities that have been left out and ensure they have the resources to fight for the next seven generations.

I ask you to join me in supporting HB 3528 because every Oregonian deserves clean, safe water regardless of where they live, their income, or their history. Water is life, and it's our responsibility to protect it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Annessa Hartman".

Representative Annessa Hartman
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