

Hi all. My name is Avery Temple and my pronouns are she/they. I live on occupied Kalapuya llihi, or so-called Eugene. I'm writing in support of HB 2488 because I believe that updating our land-use laws is extremely important for the health and well-being of all communities in Oregon, especially for those who are Black, Indigenous, and/or people of color. The land is explicitly connected to identity for Indigenous peoples and, as a person whose family is native to parts of what is now known as the United States, I believe that this is a step toward a more beautiful and equitable future.