



DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

To: Oregon House Committee On Energy and Environment
From: Chris Wig, Chair, Democratic Party of Lane County, and Charlie Swanson, Platform Committee Chair of the Democratic Party of Lane County
Re: Support for HB 2488

February 26, 2021

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Helm and Brock-Smith, and members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the more than 106,000 Democrats in Lane County to urge you to support HB 2488, which would require the Land Conservation and Development Commission to make changes to statewide land use planning goals by December 31, 2026, to address climate justice by addressing climate change adaptation and mitigation and environmental justice for disadvantaged communities

The State Land Use Goals, written in 1972, need updating and revision to include addressing and mitigating for climate change, extinction and habitat loss and including environmental justice as necessary goals to be met in statewide land use planning decisions.

Oregon land use professionals and those in regulatory and decision making roles need these updates to legally respond to these urgent environmental issues.

We urge you to pass HB 2488.

Sincerely,

Chris Wig
Chair of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Charlie Swanson
Chair of the Platform Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County