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Senate Joint Resolution (SCR) 17, arrives for final vote Monday, June 7th

Environmental justice and racial equality joint resolution and land use reform has strong bi-partisan support of legislators and community leaders

EUGENE, OR. –Senate Joint Resolution 17 (SCR 17), a resolution to establish an environmental justice and racial equality framework of principles for the State of Oregon, is expected to pass in the Oregon House of Representatives on Monday, June 7.

SCR 17 already sailed through the Senate on a bipartisan 22-7 vote. The resolution most recently had a work session in the House Committee on Energy and Environment on Wednesday, May 26th where it passed unanimously.

Bill sponsors include: Senators Dembrow, Riley, Golden, Frederick, Gorsek, Jama, and Manning Jr, Representatives Power, Alonso Leon, Dexter, Helm, Hudson, Lively, Meek, Neron, Nosse, Pham, Reynolds, Salinas, Sanchez, and Wilde

Lisa Arkin, Executive Director of Beyond Toxics says, *“The message of SCR 17 is that Environmental Justice principles hold true for all Oregonians. It’s about respecting the needs of those people who have long been underserved and overburdened by complex and continuing environmental challenges - and to declare our collective responsibility to build a sustainable future for all framed by new dialogues of equity and justice.”*

“Communities throughout Oregon are already dealing with wildfires, extreme drought, air pollution and an ongoing public health crisis. SCR 17 gives me hope that Oregonians will come together to find timely and necessary solutions in addressing how environmental harm causes greater burdens for vulnerable communities,” says Haley Case-Scott, Climate Justice Grassroots Organizer.

For more information about SCR (Senate Joint Resolution) 17, our resolution to establish an environmental justice framework of principles for the State of Oregon, see this one-page summary.

For an interview to get details about the bill and the role of Beyond Toxics in guiding it to completion, please call: Lisa Arkin, Executive Director: 541-520-2695 or Ana Molina: 541-465-8860 or Haley Case-Scott: 541-313-8447.

Beyond Toxics is a statewide environmental justice organization advancing policies that ensure meaningful participation and cultivating grassroots leadership from Oregon’s frontline and impacted communities. Established in 2001, we are a multicultural, inter-generational team dedicated to centering community leaders and building out the true diversity of our state’s vibrant Environmental Justice movement.