

Contact your legislator to help move HB 2488-A forward!

HB 2488-A (Equity in Land Use) is currently sitting in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. If it isn't assigned to a subcommittee for a hearing, it won't survive this legislative session. Send a message to your legislator urging them to let the Committee's Tri-Chairs know they support the bill and want it to move forward.

Support HB 2488-A: Equity in Land Use

Dear _____,

Thank you for your work to represent our district in the Oregon Legislature. I am writing to urge your support for HB 2488-A Engrossed. HB 2488-A directs Oregon's Land Conservation and Commission (LCDC) to update Statewide Land Use Planning Goal 1 relating to "Citizen Involvement."

Goal 1 is a cornerstone of state and local planning programs. It requires local governments to undertake efforts to communicate and engage with their community members on land use issues and decisions. However, Goal 1 has remained the same since its adoption in 1975 despite dramatic transformations in technology and acknowledgments of the inaccessibility of public decision-making processes. Goal 1 needs to be updated to allow for modern outreach and communication methods to increase accessibility for underrepresented Oregonians and to correct five decades of limited public input.

HB 2488-A would specifically direct governments to:

- (1) Ensure opportunities for disadvantaged groups to participate in land use planning;
- (2) Incorporate practices to engage the community on climate justice, environmental justice, and equity in land use planning; and
- (3) Utilize technology not available in the 1970s to expand communications and exchange of information with the public around land use planning.

Adopted fifty years ago, Oregon's land use laws currently lack equity, diversity, and inclusion standards. Goal 1 simply does not serve all Oregonians, and we can't let HB 2488-A fall through the cracks. Please take this opportunity to ensure opportunities for inclusive, responsible, and equitable land use planning by Oregon's local governments by expressing your strong support for HB 2488-A to the Tri-Chairs of the Joint Ways and Means Committee where the bill currently resides.

Sincerely,