



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 2, 2022

Chief Clerk Sekerak
Oregon State Capitol

RE: Vote explanation for HB 4077 (B-Engrossed)

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I wish to submit the following explanation for my vote on HB 4077 (B-Engrossed).

HB 4077(B-Engrossed) renames Environmental Justice Task Force as Environmental Justice Council (EJC). Modifies membership and duties of council. Directs certain agencies to develop environmental justice mapping tool. Authorizes natural resource agencies to consider results of environmental justice mapping tool when developing administrative rules or agency policies or programs.

The Governor ignored the will of Oregonians and implemented cap and trade through executive order and housed it inside the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Now the Governor intends to enter into an agreement with DEQ to provide staff support and cover the costs of the EJC.

The mapping portion of this bill gives me concern. It defines the inputs that will be used in the mapping development, and organizations that will participate, but the intended and unintended uses of this map moving forward are unclear. In addition, the mapping may result in unintended consequences when looking at policies and legislation for diverse regions of the state.

Therefore, I was a no vote.

Regards,

Anna