



**Agenda:**

1. Objectives & Presenters	5. Break
2. Understanding Environmental Justice Communities	6. Data Perspectives & Context II
3. Potential Applications	7. Thoughts & Questions
4. Data Perspectives & Context I	8. Appendix Review Options

**What is an Environmental Justice Community?**

Section 1(5) of [HB 2021](#) defines Environmental Justice Communities broadly as: “**communities of color, communities experiencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities with limited infrastructure and other communities traditionally underrepresented in public processes and adversely harmed by environmental and health hazards, including seniors, youth and persons with disabilities.**”

**Why build an Environmental Justice Community Framework?**

Building an Environmental Justice (EJ) Community framework that geographically identifies vulnerable communities in the PacifiCorp service area supports company efforts to ensure that the benefits and burdens of our policies and decisions around HB 2021 are distributed equitably.

**What can an Environmental Justice Community Framework do?**

- Promote fair access to the benefits of the transition to clean energy
- Strengthen community trust and engagement
- Deliver customer support programs in ways that are more targeted, efficient and impactful
- Meet regulatory requirements
- Support long-term community resilience

**Where is the data Sourced From?**

- Income, household makeup, and housing information from **ACS 5-Year Estimates**
- Health outcomes and behaviors drawn from reliable state and national sources, like the **Oregon Health Authority** and **CDC**
- County-level healthcare access information from **AHRF**
- Temperature data from **PRISM**
- Air pollution indicators from **Center for Air, Climate, and Energy Solutions (CACES)**
- Hazard data comes from **FEMA’s National Risk Index**, which shows how likely different natural hazards are and how severe they could be

**Questions For Consideration**

- What information is most helpful for you to engage on this topic?
- Where do current indicators align (or not align) with lived experience?
- What impacts matter most that do not show up in standard metrics?
- Who in your community faces the greatest barriers to meeting basic needs and why?
- What conditions make it harder for some residents in your communities to recover from everyday disruptors or stressors?
- Are these conditions evenly distributed across your community or are they concentrated in certain places and why?

**Next Steps:**

**Continue Engagement with Advisory Groups** to build credibility, strengthen trust, improve accuracy & guide actions

**Assess Scalability** to check if patterns hold or shift, reveal local inequities, confirm framework stability

**Evaluate Predictive Capability** to assess alignment, link program participation, and use findings to guide outreach and planning