Whether it be heat waves, drought, ice storms, or wildfires, the place we call home is where we take care of each other during the climate crisis. This legislative session, we have an opportunity to make communities in every corner of the state more resilient by ensuring they have safe and affordable housing, access to clean energy, and community support before, during, and after climate disasters.

Frontline communities are most impacted by the climate crisis, including people of color, low-income families, people with disabilities, and people in rural areas. These legislative solutions will create a more healthy and resilient Oregon where everyone can thrive.

Our Legislative Priorities

**Housing Choices – HB 2001**

Many people in Oregon struggle to find a home they can afford in a neighborhood with the things they need to thrive, like good-paying jobs, green spaces, and walkable neighborhoods. The Affordable, Abundant Housing provisions in the bill will increase the number of affordable homes built in our state and make sure they are built in a way that will most benefit frontline communities, addressing the housing crisis today and for the long term.

**Building Resilience– SB 868, SB 869, SB 870, SB 871**

Homes and buildings are our first line of defense against climate disasters like extreme heat and wildfire smoke. Building resilience means building smart from the start so new homes and buildings run on clean energy. It also means electrification and efficiency upgrades in our homes and buildings to make them healthier, more affordable, and better for the environment. Moving toward clean energy and away from burning methane “natural” gas is a win-win-win for Oregonians.

**Community Resilience Hubs– HB 2990**

This bill supports community-designed centers and networks that will help neighbors when they need a cool or warm place to stay, and when a wildfire, heat wave, or climate disaster strikes. Each community will design its local hub to reflect the programming and support they need most.
The challenges we face are connected, and so are the solutions. Resilience means a home for everyone; safer, healthier homes and buildings; and places to gather and find support in good times and bad. The Oregon Just Transition Alliance is building on what we’ve accomplished together to advance our resilience agenda. Stronger communities can make the difference between surviving and thriving.

Who We Are

The Oregon Just Transition Alliance is a movement of communities facing environmental racism, climate change, and economic exploitation – the frontlines of injustice and the frontlines of change. We bring together organizations committed to base-building in frontline communities. We are leading and winning policies to move Oregon toward an economy that is rooted in our shared values: justice, fairness, equity, and collective power. OJTA supports the Fair Shot for All agenda including Stable Homes for Oregon Families.

To read the full list of our 2023 Oregon Legislative Session priorities, please visit ojta.org/2023-legislative-agenda.

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