



## *The Climate Health Emergency Act*

Climate change is the defining public health crisis of our time. From extreme heat and wildfires to the spread of infectious diseases, it impacts every community across Oregon and the nation, with the heaviest toll falling on our most vulnerable—children, seniors, low-income families, and those with chronic health conditions.

In the last decade alone, more than half of 119 public health emergencies declarations issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) can be tied to climate change. Yet, despite mounting evidence, federal investments in public health preparedness have not kept pace—leaving our communities exposed to increasingly severe and frequent climate-fueled disasters.

**Summary:** The *Climate Health Emergency Act* directs the HHS Secretary to declare a public health emergency in connection with climate change. This declaration will unlock federal resources, enable interagency coordination, and lay the groundwork for the whole-of-government approach required to meet this rising threat.

**Endorsed By:** The League of Conservation Voters, Sierra Club, and Earthjustice

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