

Heather Trim, Zero Waste Washington-Public Hearing Testimony, 5/15/17:

Okay, thank you. Um so this is Heather Trim. I am executive director of Zero Waste Washington. I am also testifying in favor of the rule. It um. First I want to thank staff for putting in so much time and effort in updating the rule. Especially helping streamline it and clarify um the process and the um accompanying criteria and guidelines so it will be a lot clearer to people about um when they are applying how the different points and ranking will be done. So thank you very much for all the work that you have done. I would like to comment that it does seem that we need a little bit more guidance on the definition of highly impacted communities. And that could be in guidance, but I think that at this point it is still a little bit um not well defined probably across the state but also here. I would also like to comment that the um question of past performance of the grant applicants should be clarified. That may not be in the rule also, that might be something that can be done in guidance, but I understand that it makes sense to look at past performance but I think it's unclear if that is something that is for just the last biennium or if it is for multiple biennium. And as you all know, staff at non-profits change um sometimes rapidly sometimes not so rapidly. And it seems...

Kirsten Miller (Hearing officer): Thirty seconds left.

Heather Trim: Okay thanks, and the last thing I just want to thank you for expediting your rulemaking because it is so important because these grants out on the ground. And any delay in the rulemaking will end up um causing us a problem in terms of having of a-anyone who applies for grants a problem of not having a full two years to do their work. So thank you very much for the speed with which you're doing this.