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Representative Vega Pederson and Energy and Environment Committee members:

In 2007 the Oregon Legislature approved HB3542 that established greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. By 2020 the state should be 10% below 1990 emissions and by 2050, we should be 75% below 1990 emissions.

Some 8 years later, however, no enabling legislation has been approved to establish a realistic means of achieving these goals. As a result, the state is not on a pathway that will make their achievement likely.

The session, at last, several bills appeared that showed some ability to actualize the requirements of the 2007 Bill: HB2082, HB 2159, HB 3250, HB 3252, HB 3176, HB 3470.

Study of these bills in relation to the need to reduce greenhouse gas emission reveals that the tax bills fail the important criterion of addressing greenhouse gas emissions. As written, all address only carbon, (not even carbon dioxide) and fail to address other greenhouse gases: nitrous oxides from fuel combustion, and methane largely resulting from fugitive emissions. Of the remaining two, only HB3470 directly targets the goals identified in that 2007 bill. Furthermore, only HB3470 includes a provision that would result in the program keeping current with scientific advances in understanding of greenhouse gas emissions and also incorporates an advisory panel that ensures the enforcement of the bill is sensitive to environmental justice.

For these reasons, among others, I urge the Oregon Legislature to endorse HB3470 and send it to the Governor's desk. It's a matter of Inter-Generational Justice; if we care about the livability of our planet for our grandchildren and beyond we must act, and act now.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely

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