



House Committee on Rules  
Oregon State Capitol  
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Salem, OR 97301

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Chair Hoyle and members of the House Committee on Rules:

On behalf of 350 Eugene, representing nearly 1,000 members engaged with our local chapter, we are writing in strong support of House Bill 3470 (known as the Climate Stability and Justice Act of Oregon).

The consensus of best science tells us that we must be at least 15% below 1990 greenhouse gas levels by 2020, and at least 75% below by 2050. In 2013, Oregon's Legislature passed a non-binding policy goal to meet these targets. But current policy is inadequate to the task and Oregon is not on target to meet the goals. If passed and implemented, HB 3470 would effectively limit greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon.

HB 3470 very specifically and clearly mandates reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 through 2050. It would set those greenhouse gas emissions limits based on the best available science. California has adopted a similar approach (AB32), designed to be joined by other jurisdictions, so Oregon can join to reinforce collective action. Oregon opinion polls show the public is supportive of a cap on greenhouse gas emissions by a majority and well above the other options being considered.

Please **prioritize HB 3470 and refer the bill to the full Ways and Means Committee with a “do pass” recommendation** at your work session on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your action on this important legislation.

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