

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:

I am writing in strong support of House Bill 3470, the Climate Stability and Justice Act of Oregon.

The consensus of the scientific community is that we need to be at least 15% below 1990 greenhouse gas levels by 2020, and at least 75% below by 2050. Oregon's Legislature passed a non-binding policy goal to meet these targets in 2013, but current policy will not allow Oregon to be 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 June 24th. This bill could be less controversial and more effective than the Clean Fuels Bill.

Thank you for your action on this important legislation.

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