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To: Members of the House Energy and Environment Committee

From: Rhett Lawrence, Oregon Chapter Sierra Club

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RE: House Bill 4034

Chair Vega Pederson and Members of the Committee: On behalf of the more than 22,000 members and supporters of the Sierra Club in Oregon, I am pleased to provide this written testimony on House Bill 4034. As an organization with a long history of working on climate change issues in Oregon, we are pleased to support this legislation with the -2 amendments.

We would like to thank Rep. Helm for bringing this legislation and we appreciate its recognition of the important role the forests in our state can play in combating climate change. Given the Oregon Global Warming Commission's vital role in assessing the effects of climate change in our state, we believe it is entirely appropriate that they should begin getting a handle on the role that black carbon emissions from wildfires plays in overall greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Having such information available could help guide policy decisions regarding climate pollution in our state and help devise solutions for reducing our overall emissions.

Thus we are glad to support House Bill 4034 with the -2 amendments and we urge this Committee to do the same. Thank you very much for considering my comments and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance to the committee.