



February 8, 2016

Representative Jessica Vega Pederson, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
c/o Beth Patrino, Committee Administrator

Dear Representative Vega Pederson and fellow committee members:

Sustainable Northwest is pleased to offer our support for HB 4034 with the -3 amendments.

As the Oregon Global Warming Commission works to complete its biennial report due in 2017, it is imperative that we gain the most comprehensive understanding possible of the contributing factors to climate change in Oregon. Estimating the annual average emission of black carbon in Oregon and evaluating its contribution to climate change is an important addition to this process.

Furthermore, the bill with the proposed -3 amendments recognizes the role that emissions from abnormal wildfires play in contributing to annual greenhouse gas accumulations, as well as the function that Oregon forests can play to combat climate change. Better understanding and responding to these contributing factors will be essential to effective climate change adaptation and mitigation response in the future.

We appreciate the committee's review of this legislation and ask that it receive a Do Pass recommendation with the -3 amendments.

If the committee or members have any questions, please contact Dylan Kruse at (503) 221-6911 x115 or dkruse@sustainablenorthwest.org.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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