

February 5, 2018

Dear Chair Dembrow and Chair Helm:

I am writing in support of SB 1507 and HB 4001, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. I commend you and your fellow legislators for the good work that you have done in drafting this bill.

Climate change is happening and is impacting our state already. As a farmer, I have seen firsthand the impacts of a changing climate – hotter summers, drier years, less water and wildfires – all of these changes present risks to our agricultural community and our economy generally.

To do our part, we obtain more than 100% of our electricity from a solar array and we use biodiesel in our tractors.

The state has an opportunity this session to address the serious economic risks from climate change to Oregon, while positioning our state to transition to a clean energy economy by passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill in 2018. Passage of this bill is long overdue.

The sooner the Legislature passes the bill, the sooner Oregon will see the benefits. I urge you and your colleagues to prioritize working together to pass the Clean Energy Jobs bill in the 2018 session.

Sincerely,

David P. Beck



