

## Testimony on HB 4001 Clean Energy Jobs Bill

Central Oregon continues to suffer from the acceleration of wildfires. Two scientists connected this acceleration to human caused climate change, concluding that wildfire area burned has increased over 50% since 1984. (Published by the National Academy of Science)

Last fire season wildfires compromised air quality so significantly, that many businesses suffered losses, as people were forced to stay indoors. Children and vulnerable adults visited health centers, as those with respiratory and heart illness suffered even more. This phenomena repeated itself throughout Oregon, not only Central Oregon.

Will the State of Oregon be able to continue to fight these increasingly costly wildfires?

Clearly, we have a human and financial emergency, both due to climate change.

Still, this is the tip of the iceberg. Drought, also influenced by climate change, and extreme weather are also adding to expenses incurred.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill will begin to address the root of these problems by reducing greenhouse gasses by Oregon's biggest polluters.

I urge you to support this bill today. We can't wait any longer to begin to address the massive problem of climate change.

Respectfully  
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