

I attended the hearing on January 13, 2020 regarding the proposed bill to cap greenhouse gas emissions. I support cap, price, and invest for Oregon. Economists agree it is the most cost effective mechanism to reduce emissions. The climate crisis is an existential threat and needs to be addressed immediately here in Oregon. Our oceans are becoming more acidic, wildfires are growing more frequent and massive, and many of our traditional jobs and occupations are at risk due to the changes in our unique Oregon ecosystem. LC 19 has many of the characteristics of the legislation we need to begin to effectively combat climate change, but it still needs strengthening. I request the following improvements in LC 19:

1. We need stricter and more transparent regulations on large Natural Gas users.
2. We need transportation in rural Oregon to be included in the bill with a fixed start date, at least by 2030.
2. We need clearer, more declarative language to support impacted communities.

In summary, I support strong climate change legislation and it must get done in 2020.

Sincerely,

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