

Please support LC 19 and secure Oregon's future!

It seems obvious to say that it is imperative that for the sake of our future that Oregon must make changes along with the rest of the world to reduce carbon emissions. LC 19 caps emissions and modestly requires only some of the largest greenhouse gas emitters to obtain credits for each ton of emissions. The cap even lowers over time, and these large emitters can obtain permits to trade credits with one another.

LC 19 would regulate auto fuel emissions over time and really only for urban areas like Portland followed by cities like Bend, Eugene, and Salem. Rural areas would not see regulation of fuel supplies and thus a possible rise in gas prices unless at least 19 rural counties agree to participate. Rural Oregon would not be required to pay more for gas, leaving urban areas with the most auto emissions to pay those increased costs.

This bill will go a long way to reducing carbon emissions without hurting rural communities. Instead, rural as well as urban communities will benefit by new renewable industries that will create jobs in areas hard hit by climate change – areas where there used to be industries based on fishing, crabbing, and oysters – and areas hard hit by automation, such as timber. We don't want Oregon to be left behind as the rest of the world moves toward economies based on renewable energy.

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