

**From:** [Marie Bowers](#)  
**To:** [SENR Exhibits](#)  
**Cc:** [Sen Beyer](#); [Sen Dembrow](#); [Sen Olsen](#); [Sen Findley](#); [Sen Prozanski](#); [Sen Roblan](#)  
**Subject:** NO on LC 19 now SB 1530 - Bad Public Policy, Bad for Oregonians  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:37:47 PM

---

Senator Dembrow and Committee,

LC 19 now SB 1530 is just as flawed as 2019's HB 2020.

1) It still raises energy prices on ALL Oregonians. My farm's fuel costs would increase by \$8900 in the FIRST year and will just go up each year. That \$8900 is equivalent to a major repair on the farm, or in the last year half of our John Deere parts bill, which included a major repair part.

Do I repair my machinery or pay my fuel bill? And what will those parts cost now with the higher energy prices? They get shipped out of Portland so someone has to pay that extra cost of the part.....?

Currently, our grass seed market is in a downturn. How do you justify the extra expense when I cannot increase the price of my crop?

2) After watching the initial hearing on LC 19, the complete lack of understanding by legislators on how fuel is moved around the state is embarrassing. If you do not understand how the supply and demand of fuel works should you really be legislating it?

3) Putting the DEQ in charge of implementing & rulemaking for Cap & Trade is a bad idea. The legislature has no oversight to the process when you put in the hands of unelected bureaucrats. This also means no one is accountable to the voters about the failure or success of the program.

This is compounded with the fact the bill exempts parts of the Cap & Trade program from public records. The lack of transparency means that Oregon voters and legislators will have no idea who is receiving credits and if the program is even working. Or is it just a mechanism for special interests to pad their pockets and push their anti-industry agenda?

4) The very least you could do is take off the Emergency Clause and let Oregonians vote on this tax, it is their pocketbooks at stake. If you are going to change our entire economy the people should have a say, not just partisan lawmakers.

**We all care about the environment. As of right now, Cap & Trade is based off a one sided equation of carbon emissions. Let's get the data on how much carbon we sequester on our farms and forests to have the full & accurate picture on what Oregon is actually doing with its carbon.**

Please reconsider pushing this legislation through in 35 days.

--

**Marie Bowers**



## ***"Annual Ryegrass will Save the World"***

Website: [www.bashawseed.com](http://www.bashawseed.com)

Blog: <http://www.oregongreenblog.com/>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/MarieB41>