



Testimony of Robert Freres, Jr. on HB2020

Good afternoon to the Chair and members of the committee.

My name is Robert Freres, Jr. I am President of Freres Lumber Co., Inc. located in Lyons, Oregon. We have operated in Oregon for 97 years and we presently employ almost 500 people.

We oppose HB2020. We oppose any sort of cap and tax legislation.

HB2020 is simply a Robin Hood bill. Take from the haves and give to the have nots.

The bill is patterned after California legislation. Oregon has reduced its CO2 emissions more than California since its inception in California, without legislation.

The purpose of public hearings is to find solutions to problems.

I am here today to provide an alternative solution which effectively and efficiently reduces CO2 emissions.

It is a uniquely Oregon solution, like the Oregon Beach Bill or the Oregon Bottle Bill. It will engage individuals and businesses alike.

This solution does not pick winners and losers through an exemption process.

It is a streamlined approach without increased bureaucracy and without a czar controlling Oregonians economic lives.

It will not jeopardize Oregon's stature as the tenth largest manufacturing state on a per capita basis.

It is a solution with past proven success

It relies on Oregonians ingenuity creativity and incentive.

This solution should garner near unanimous support from the legislature and the public.

The alternative solution to address climate change is a Carbon Dioxide Pollution Control Tax Credit.

Please give Oregonians the opportunity to reduce CO2 emissions with a positive approach rather than a heavy handed, highly disruptive tax method.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you today.

An Alternative to a Cap and Trade Program

- A solution which effectively and efficiently reduces CO2 emissions.
- A uniquely Oregon solution that engages individuals and businesses alike.
- A solution which does not pick winners and losers through an exemption process.
- A solution that does not increase State of Oregon bureaucracy.
- A solution with past proven success.
- A solution which can garner near unanimous support from the legislature.
- The alternative solution to address climate change is:

A Carbon Dioxide Pollution Control Tax Credit