

I strongly oppose cap and trade legislation for the following reasons:

- It will impose staggering increased energy costs on all Oregonians. While the tax on gasoline, is relatively modest, the suggested 50% increase in the cost to heat one's home impacts seniors living on fixed incomes and all earning near and below the poverty level. Why build affordable housing, if one cannot afford the cost to heat it
- This indirect tax will impact the ability of Oregon business to compete nationally and internationally in a negative way
- The costs will be passed on by industry to the ultimate consumer increasing their cost of living
- It is questionable that this bill will have any appreciable impact on global warming. Unless mother nature can be rein in, this legislation is akin to a gnat on an elephant
- If we assume, arguendo, that some legislation of this nature is appropriate, it should be on a national, not on a local level
- We know that some legislators and the Governor reward public employee unions with steadfast adherence to a failed pension program. This is to reward one of their other constituency, the environmentalists. Hopefully there are no other constituencies that they need to reward. It would be nice, for a change, to reward the general public. The rubric to physicians not to harm the patient is particularly applicable to the legislature and the general public

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