

I have not read the bill that you have referenced, but as for the "climate change" legislature, I could comment on that extensively. Like it or not, the United States contributes very little to the air pollution problem, in fact, compared to such as China, India or even most "Muslim Republics" and most of Africa, our skies are obviously so clear that the comparison is ludicrous. I am 85 years old, retired after 25 years in the US Army and another 15 plus years teaching at Boise State and in Malheur County High Schools. My wife, Donnaclaire, spent 18 years at Vale High School, after which we both retired again in 1995 from full time teaching.

We have travelled much of the world and most of North America, including all 50 states in the US and winter residents in Mexico for 6 years. We have personal experience in the NAFTA and the 1,000 to 1 depreciation of the Mexican Peso in 1992.

I was stationed in Southern California in the late 1950's and early 1960's, where we experienced the "SMOG" at its highest levels, commuting between Orange County and downtown LA and Hollywood on the busiest "Freeways" of the nation. Where on could not see across the entire floor of buildings in downtown LA, where your white shirt front was stained with SMOG particles while driving the 2 hours to go 30 miles on the LA freeways.

Even in the Boise Valley, we have "inversion" SMOG, often for a month long during the winter months.....flying over the dirty air in Idaho, has little to do with "Cap and Trade"....just drive down I-84 into the Baker City valley in the winter, you will only see the tops of buildings above the smoke from wood stoves and other polutions.

However, none of this in the US, compares to the metropolis in China, or India, or even the Arabian peninsula, where people wear face masks that are colored with dirt over their noses and mouths, or in Central Africa where people suffer from polluted water and air without any release or salvation.

Here in the State of Oregon, we have a serious problem with taxation, with the liberal control of our legislature finding every way possible to raise taxes, using the excuse of "education", or "pollution" to justify tax increases. Our education system is so flawed with over administration and virtually no teaching standards, with the teachers Union constantly buying the liberal vote to justify their role of teacher's pay and benefits, and all in the false label of "taking care of our kids".

I grew up in the education system of Oregon, my father was a life long certified principal and teacher, and we have taught in Oregon, but admittedly, in Eastern Oregon schools which operate under different standards from the Valley metro area.

I am a lot older than you Cliff, and was born during the great depression and lived through WWII and was drafted into the Army in the 1957, but after graduating from college. I the was sent to OCS and served 15 years as a commissioned Infantry Officer commanding company's and Battalions, and 10 more as an enlisted NCO, "Ranger/Pathfinder" and schooled in military schools at all levels.

Yes, I'd be happy to contribute to your work, even though you are facing an impossible task in the "liberal and progressive" light of the current legislature.

Sincerely, Bill Blankinship