

Please consider the effects vs benefits that this bill will have on the residents of OR, especially the retired. The cost of heating will rise dramatically, as well as transportation. Not only personal transportation, but virtually everything that is moved by truck, rail, or air. Ultimately, the consumer will pay the additional cost. I still have to heat my home and where available, natural gas is the cheapest and most efficient source. Raising the price will only increase my expenses.

I suspect, despite reassurances to the contrary, that any revenue created by this program will disappear in to a "black hole" and the overall impact on carbon reduction will be minimal.

Like it or not, carbon based fuel is going to be around until an alternative is available that will generate electricity on a large scale that is competitive with the current sources. I am not convinced that solar or wind power can totally fulfill that requirement at the present.

Oregon's desire to be always be at the forefront on issues such as this makes the residents "guinea pigs" in an expensive experiment. This issue needs to be approached on a national level, not the state.

Even though I am a registered Democrat, I will not support a representative that supports this bill. If the bill passes, I can only hope that there is enough opposition to support a petition initiative.

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