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Five Reasons to Oppose House Bill 2020: Cap and Trade

1.) Oregon is already a national leader in renewable energy, green jobs and low carbon-emissions overall. House Bill 2020, the proposed cap and trade law, is all pain and no gain. It would cost Oregon families more for gas, utilities and food but it won't make a difference in global climate change.

2.) If Oregon passes the cap and trade law, the price of fuel would increase by at least 16 cents per gallon and according to AAA, Oregon will have the third-highest gas prices in America. Independent studies show that food, utilities and gas prices would increase up to \$1,500 per family.

3.) A cap and trade law would penalize companies that make or grow things in Oregon. Whether it's food and paper manufacturers or even flower growers, Oregon companies would pay higher energy and operating costs that would result in fewer blue-collar jobs, especially in rural areas.

4.) The cap and trade law would raise \$550 million in new revenue for the state government with no accountability for how lawmakers and government employees would spend the money. It's not about helping the environment—it's about the money.

5.) According to testimony from the Director of Oregon State University's Climate Change Research Institute, a cap and trade program in Oregon would do almost nothing to impact global climate change. We need to find a better solution that works for our families and the environment.

Very Truly,

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