

## Comments of Larry Graves to the HB-2020 Hearing in Medford, Oregon Feb 23, 2019

- Adherents to the theory known as “Global Warming” or “Anthropomorphic Climate Change” state un-categorically that it is “incontrovertible,” or “settled science” that it exists. The very definition of “science” includes the fact that it is NEVER settled. Data must continue to be gathered, new theories tested, greater insights achieved.
- This worldwide political movement started by Guy Callendar, Charles Keeling and other theoreticians, at first led us to the Bogeyman of “Global Cooling” in the early seventies -- I know this firsthand – I was there. Then, when it started to warm up, the UN and the IPCC changed the direction of the argument, and in 2006 the Global Warming Time Bomb had its fuse metaphorically lit by Al Gore’s Inconvenient Truth.
- Al Gore and others like him then created the perfect scheme – they set up a system of indulgences in their new religion whereby government could force their inhabitants to pay outrageous sums of money into their treasuries, in order to make the use of fossil fuels prohibitively expensive and thus reduce consumption. “Carbon Credits” now make governments and select citizens like Al Gore very rich, while the companies forced to pay for them simply pass the costs along to us. And NOW, our representatives in Salem are reaching directly into our nearly-empty pockets to steal \$550 Million MORE dollars ANNUALLY from us, in an effort that will result in NO significant change to our local climate or that of the planet.
- We are being pushed headlong into a course of action that is fruitless and destructive. We are being told frightening stories about the dire consequences of our failure to act, that we will no longer be able to “save the planet” within 12 years...
- ...but this is all based in a THEORY that is still unproven and may in fact be unprovable.
- It feels VERY much like a scam and a fraud, and I urge our representatives in the legislature to set aside this reckless and baseless scheme to steal our money and spend it without accountability. This is fraud and theft on a GRAND SCALE. The King Has No Clothes!

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