

Dear Climate Bill Committee Members,

Although HB2020 is not perfect (no bill is), I feel it is of vital importance and urge you to move it forward.

Thank you for coming down to Medford last weekend to hold the public hearing on it. I found the testimony of interest; both sides.

The financial impacts of the bill's passage are not trivial (especially those relating to transportation and small businesses) and I know you all will be working hard to make the bill as equitable as you can.

The cap on greenhouse gas emissions is essential to ensuring that Oregon maintains its environmental leadership position. Cap and Trade initiatives have worked well in a number of other states and I believe one of the results will be to help Oregon shift to a greener, more sustainable economy overall.

The claim that Oregon's reduction won't have much, if any, impact is not correct. It will have an impact on all of us living in the state (now and generations coming behind us). And, though perhaps seeming small in a global sense, it reaffirms that we are trying to do our part as best we can for the good of all.

The science on climate change is incontrovertible and, from my perspective, the climate change deniers must live on a different planet from mine. Be that as it may, Oregon may be late to the action table but passing HB2020 will be a big step forward.

Thank you for all your work on this,

Susan Rust, Ashland resident