

Dear Committee,

The following email includes some concerns I have regarding house bill 2020

1. Misandry - The inclusion of misandry in this bill is not what has made this state a great state. A business should thrive upon its own merits not upon the gender of the business owner. Included in the description on page 21 is the provision for assistance to business owners, but only if they are minorities or female. Lawsuits have already been filed in Florida and other states for this type of discrimination and Oregon is setting itself up for legal problems by including this type of discriminatory language.
2. Carbon Sequestration - One of the main ways to hold carbon is through proper forest management. It is hard to obtain this with the aggressive burning policy which is currently in place on our federal lands. Most fires are allowed to grow much larger due to the laid back "big box" mentality used to fight fires. Many acres of land are wasted and unable to hold carbon due to these non-aggressive fire policies. Forest management policies must change if this is to ever work.
3. Electrical decarbonization - This policy seeks to greatly reduce and eliminate the use of fossil fuels. While theoretically a good policy, in Oregon we are greatly lacking the ability to implement much of this. Housing costs are already very high. Very few legitimate electrical construction vehicles exist they are expensive, underpowered and take large amounts of time to charge. No homeowner wants to pick up the tab for time used to charge up in the middle of the workday. Most construction vehicles require a much larger payload and fuel demand than anything the electrical market is offering at this time. One sure way to see housing costs soar is to implement this policy at this time.

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