

I fully support HB 2020 and actually think it should be strengthened. As a father, grandfather and hopefully future great grandfather, I must do all that is possible to reduce emissions in support of minimizing the dramatic impacts of Climate Change.

Oregon must be a leader in Greenhouse Gas Emissions so that we can urge other states and nations to do the same. I recognize that the contribution from Oregon alone will not solve the problem but we can not expect others to do their part if we are not doing ours. The 2018 National Climate Assessment Report clearly shows that climate consequences are having an economic impact now and will be more severe if we don't address this issue now.

The 11 states in the US that have imposed some form of Greenhouse Gas emissions cap have all exhibited greater economic growth than surrounding states. This demonstrates that economies don't "tank" but prosper and HB 2020 will do the same for Oregon. The Berkeley BEAR study reported to the Joint Committee that the Oregon economy will be stronger with passage of HB 2020 and rural Oregon will benefit most.

To those who claim that capping greenhouse gas emissions will cost Oregonians, I wonder how much agricultural, forests and fisheries destroyed by global warming will cost us.

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