

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,
My name is Emily Heilbrun. I live in Eugene, and have since 1981. I strongly urge you to pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. As you know, a study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will increase household income, with the greatest benefit going to low-income households, because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs, In addition , the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years. This will help the environment and my personal health because I was am very much affected by smoke from wildfires. Last summer, and especially in 2017, I wasn't able to go outside during the extreme smoke caused by these wildfires. These fires are costing huge amounts, which we cannot afford.

I know you are aware of the report which came out last year that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. All of us, and especially our children, deserve leaders who will fight climate change. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. I feel strongly that passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,

Emily Heilbrun