

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the JCCR,

My name is Harriet Cooke and I am a mother, and a semi-retired physician with a masters in Public Health.

There is NO GREATER URGENCY than tackling the climate crisis and doing our part in this global problem. HB 2002 is a good start that must be passed as a first step in a much more concerted effort to head off this growing catastrophe.

HB 2020 is a beautiful beginning as it benefits both our economic and our climate action needs. It is estimated to create more than 50,000 good paying jobs and add income across all tax brackets. Transitioning to clean energy will not only decrease costs for both residents and business, it will improve health by contributing to the decrease in the explosion of respiratory illness.

It will develop and scale up clean energy solutions and clean energy opportunities for low income people, tribes, communities of color, training traditionally marginalized communities for meaningful long term employment.

As you well know, such legislation is working successfully in 10 states that have already enacted such legislation. It has demonstrated success in growing economies and decreasing CO2 emissions, and stabilizing energy prices.

There is only one reason that this bill should not pass- This is the issue recently publicized in the Oregonian article, Money Pollutes! It is time to step up against moneyed interests and remind them that passing this legislation benefits them and their children and grandchildren as well!

Thank you!

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