

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is Jeff Hawkins. I am an Oregon native currently living in Portland. I am writing in support of HB2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

I am a retired engineer and avid outdoorsman having spent 50+ years hiking, skiing and mountaineering throughout Oregon. I have seen changes that give me no doubt whatsoever that climate change is real and accelerating. When I first climbed Mt Hood in June of 1982 the cliffs were white with encrusted ice and our water bottles inside our packs froze. This is no longer the case even when we climb much earlier in the season. The cliffs are exposed rock and the glaciers have receded substantially in length, breadth and height. We used to begin the ski season in late November, now it begins with less snow pack in Jan, but conditions are not good until mid-late Feb if we are lucky to get late snow. I also follow the science and read everything I see related to climate change. I believe our situation is dire. It is therefore with great pleasure and excitement to see that climate action in the form of HB 2020 is likely to pass. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. It is well past time.

I plan to volunteer on supporting the upcoming Oregon Forest Practices legislation. I see opportunity for carbon sequestration and for our rural economy when combined with a Cap and Trade system. A win-win, but only if HB2020 passes. I am also excited about other opportunities for climate change investment that will result from Cap and Trade revenue.

Thank you,
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