

Co-chairs and members of the committee, my name is Kris York and I am the mill manager for Murphy Company's hardwood plywood mill in Eugene, OR.

I am here to testify today in opposition of HB 2020 because of the impact it will have on the jobs our business supports. Cap and Trade is going to be devastating to the rural communities.

Our biggest business competitor is similar products made in China. If Cap and Trade passes, Oregon will be at a major disadvantage to plants located elsewhere. Costs will be too high. Oregon will be transferring its environmental responsibility to other regions and the net emissions will be the same.

Producing Oregon-grown and manufactured products is the best method to have an impact on Green House Gas Emissions. Forcing business overseas, or to other regions in the country, is going to require more fuel to obtain the products required for manufacture.

Ultimately, there will be major, manufacturing job losses. The claims there will be jobs added is pure rhetoric. The lost jobs will be family wage jobs. History has shown unrealistic regulations like HB 2020 eliminate family wage jobs without proper replacement.

We owe it to our communities to preserve family wage jobs that our businesses support. It is environmentally irresponsible to transfer our emissions to another area where emissions may increase to produce products the people of Oregon consume.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.