

Co-chairs and members of the committee. My name is Kyle Stribling. I am the maintenance superintendent at the Murphy Company Hardwood Plywood plant. We produce hardwood plywood that is shipped throughout the country.

I am here to speak against HB 2020. I feel it is the improper way to control greenhouse gases. There are far better solutions without the major, negative impacts created by this bill.

Natural gas for cooking and heating is a fuel source used by my family members. The provisions of HB 2020 will cause a large increase in the cost of natural gas. This will have a negative impact on their finances.

Additionally, gasoline costs will increase with passage of this bill. AAA estimates an immediate increase of 16 cents per gallon. We already pay too much in gasoline taxes!

My employer will find it very difficult to be cost competitive with companies from other states with the increased costs for fuel. Jobs in our communities will disappear as components or completed products will shift production to states with laxer pollution standards and lower operating costs.

Climate and atmosphere do not adhere to borders. If we lose the manufacturing jobs, they are headed elsewhere.

Find a better way! Oregon's citizens cannot afford to lose more jobs and pay more for food, gasoline and utilities.

Thank you.