

Greetings,

I wish to take a minute to share with you how disdain this House Bill 2020 will prove to Oregon residents.

1. Economic impacts will be significant for those folks (which are many) that currently struggle to make ends meet. Increased costs to groceries, clothing, every day amenities, transportation, electricity and other resources that make everyday life possible will boil over the top and put these folks into dire straits to survive. Therefore the burden will be placed heavily on social services, welfare, food assistance programs, housing assistance programs and other assistance programs and services that will lean heavily on the local population to support their causes. An elite group of anti-fossil fuel promoters should not be allowed to strip the quality of life from the citizens of Oregon.
2. Oregon is already making great strides with alternative fuels and alternative energy supply. Oregon is cruising right along with the current LCFS program. Oregon already has great energy infrastructure built to serve its citizens. Technology is currently not available to steer the ship another direction. Oregonians are great stewards of the air, water and the land and will follow the right path forward as technology presents itself with an affordable and sustainable alternative.
3. Oregon is alive with trees and vegetation that sequesters Carbon. Shame on state and feds who have done a poor job to keep this industry alive (and they can blame the environmentalists because they would be correct). Dead and dying trees emit carbon, large out of control wildfires emit carbon.
4. Oregon is a very unique state and has thrived from diversity. This will come to an end. The family farm will be gone. Small single site operators of fuel and propane facilities that support the local communities with sports team sponsorships, 4H, girl scouts, school fund raisers, community events etc. will be flushed out by corporate and large monopolistic corporations that will rather send their money back to corporate (likely in another state).
5. Oregon has already lost generational knowledge and skills in manufacturing, the timber industry and many others. Many more will be lost under HB 2020 and the burden will be placed on the citizens of Oregon to find a new way of life. This should not be at the hands of the anti-fossil fuel promoters.
6. Oregon's transportation of goods will be greatly impacted with exponential increases to motor fuels. Inevitably an increase in rail and marine transportation will prevail and as they are exempt under HB 2020 that will prove to be simply a carbon transfer and a net net zero.
7. HB 2020 will open the door to fraud and corruption. You can search the internet and find an endless scheme of events around similar programs and California Cap and Trade is no exception. RIN trading has been heavily burdened with fraud and market manipulation. And in the end the folks that will lose are the citizens that make up our great state of Oregon.
8. In summary HB 2020 will place a huge burden on the citizens of Oregon.
9. For consideration / other technologies that are emerging such as batteries, windmills and solar have not yet trialed with nature long enough to see what the repercussions are for future generations.
10. The citizens of Oregon should decide / if this is what the people of this great state want then so be it. This so called elitist group has no right under the authority of the keepers of our earth to make this decision. They are too biased in their own opinions and fears.

Respectfully,

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