

I am writing to express my support for HB2020. I am thrilled that Oregon may finally be joining other states in addressing the crisis of climate change. A Climate Action Program will not only reduce GHG emissions, but I believe it will also be economically beneficial to our state, and especially to southern Oregon, where I currently reside. For example, in the nine eastern states participating in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, economic growth has outpaced that of the rest of the United States. Similarly, California has seen an increase in their GDP since enacting a Cap and Trade program. Clearly, a Cap and Trade program will have positive impacts on our local economy. Furthermore, the revenue generated from HB2020 will create jobs. It will be invested in a variety of projects - - construction, clean energy, forestry, and agricultural - - that require skilled workers. It will also fund meaningful job training programs. Pricing pollution is probably the most important step we can take to combat climate change. I urge the Committee on Carbon Reduction not to allow the current legislative session to end without the passage of a strong Climate Action Plan. Thank you.

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