

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

My name is Jean Baecher Brown and am a native Oregonian from Portland. I care deeply about our environment and am very concerned that if we do not act now to help curb the human-caused climate change elements, it will be too late for future generations.

It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years, this will help the environment and the health of all Americans.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. I have children and grandchildren and they should not have to face the fear of climate change that recent generations have caused. They deserve leaders that address this crisis. We are counting on you to act in a positive manner. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,

Jean Baecher Brown