

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

My name is Tamara Staton and I live in Portland. The passage of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, is very important to me, my community, and our daughter's future, and I hope you will take strong consideration of this over the next few months.

For the past 6 years, with the exception of last summer, my family and I have been making a beloved trip South to the Umpqua river basin, where we spend our days by waterfalls and swimming holes, basking in the summer sun. When I asked our daughter just yesterday what her favorite family vacation was, she referenced that trip from 3 years ago - the summer where she made a friend on the river, floating over the small waterfall on their floaties.

Last summer, however, we weren't able to go on this trip - the extreme smoke caused by the wildfires in August, which were worsened by climate change, left us heading for the coast instead, staying inside of a house instead of outside at a campground. This is a HUGE disappointment for me as a mom, and as a passionate lover of the outdoors. In addition, in 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

As Oregonians, we can't afford these losses nor these expenses. Living in one of the most beautiful states, in (one of) the most beautiful region in the world, we need to be able to enjoy our wild backyards.

Reports abound regarding the benefits of being outdoors: increased energy, pain mitigation, improved eyesight, boosted immune system, just to name a few. Climate impacts going forward are only predicted to get more intense. As Oregonians, as humans, we are going to need these benefits, not to mention the multiple mental health benefits of knowing and being able to access our wildlands - even just fresh summer air in July and August.

The IPCC report shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. In 2030, our daughter Kaya will be 21 - just on the brink of starting her adult life, looking to the future to assess what to do and how to do it. She needs and deserves leaders like you who are willing to take on the leadership to address this crisis. Please do everything in your power to protect her future. And ours.

Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Warmly,

Tamara Staton