

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

My name is Laurel Swerdlow and I live in North Portland. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. Oregon has the opportunity to lead and position our state to be a clean energy economic engine in the 21st century. 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 my personal health because I have asthma. Last summer, I wasn't able to go outside during the extreme smoke caused by wildfires that are worsened by climate change. 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.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. Young people today shouldn't have to grow up in fear of climate change and deserve leaders that address this crisis. 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,

A Concerned Oregonian.