

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

My name is James P. Marshall, I am a registered member of the independent party, and I live in Bend Oregon. I am a non-traditional college student attending OSU-Cascades with a double major in both sustainability and energy systems engineering. I am writing in support of house bill 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.”

By building clean energy into all parts of our economy, we'll create good-paying jobs, make our businesses more competitive, and position our state to be an economic engine in the 21st century. We can't let this opportunity pass us by. It is our obligation to future generations who will reside in Oregon to lay the groundwork in order to create a sustainable future for them to thrive.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill will provide job opportunities to graduates of OSU's energy systems engineers, OIT's renewable energy engineers, solar energy technicians, wind energy technicians, and contractors for performing building optimization upgrades and installations. We need to provide Oregonians with this opportunity to be at the forefront of this growing trend in green technology and construction.

Thank you, for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,

James P. Marshall