

Thank you Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction for reading my testimony, as the quick expiration date of my children, prevented me from staying at the forum long enough to speak.

My name is Amanda Orand. I am a mother and educator in Hood River. I'm here today because it is crucial to me that you pass House Bill 2020.

This bill is beneficial for both our economy and our climate. First and foremost, it will create jobs. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows that HB 2020 will benefit our state. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, create thousands of good-paying jobs and result in lower energy costs for people and businesses.

We live in an area that is dependent on the production of our orchards which require water. The most recent Oregon Business Climate Report states that "By the year 2080, the risk of a water short year may increase from 14% to 77% in Oregon. HB 2020 is a step in the direction of drought prevention and cost savings.

The alarming increase in wild fires in Oregon and the gorge threaten all aspects of our lifestyle. This trend will continue, and fire suppression costs are predicted to reach over 700 million dollars by the year 2080. The summer I was pregnant with my daughter, I was encouraged by my doctor not to spend time outdoors due to the smoke caused by the wildfires. I also coach soccer at Hood River High school, we lost a third of our season because we were unable to practice and compete outdoors as it was unsafe for our athletes. This is only the beginning if we fail to adapt.

These are just TWO of the 24 potential costs to Oregon outlined in the Oregon Business Climate Report if we fail to act. Inaction is a form of action. Last year a new report came out that shows we have only 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. My son is now three and my daughter one. I am reaching out on their behalf. It is my responsibility to create a world free of fear of global warming. They, we all, deserve leaders that address this crisis before it's too late. 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 for your time.

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