

As a certified professional forester, I strongly oppose HB 2020. Our company, Cascade Timber Consulting, Inc. manages over 140,000 acres of timberland in Linn County. We are certified by the American Tree Farm System and make it our aim to provide clean water, air, and forest health. In addition, our firm delivers professional expertise to local small woodland owners to help guide them in achieving their objectives in a sustainable manner.

HB 2020 will raise the cost of fuel for our harvest activities such as thinning and regeneration harvests. The cumulative effect of this bill passing will be increased operating costs and will be passed on negatively to the consumer at the local lumber retail stores.

Rural communities will be hit disproportionately hard by cap-and-trade. I ask you to help local rural communities such as mine by working to minimize the impact of cap-and-trade policy.

HB 2020 could end up costing local families thousands of dollars in new taxes each year without benefiting our tree farms.

I ask you to vote 'NO' on HB 2020 as currently drafted. Protect family tree farmers from cost increases under cap-and-trade.

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