

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

My name is Colin Turner, I am an 8th grader at The Catlin Gabel School, and I am sending this testimony in support of HB 2020. HB 2020 would contribute to the community, the economy, and the environment. Besides creating 50,000 good-paying jobs, HB 2020 would guarantee the reduction of two million metric tons of pollution. That reduction would be equivalent to taking 425,000 cars of the road which is nearly .2% of cars in the United States. This would also be providing jobs and investing in lower-income communities, communities of color, and tribes in Oregon.

I am very concerned with the rate of climate change at the moment because older generations are dumping greenhouse gases into the air for monetary gain and are the only ones with the power to stop it. My generation is being given the full force of the selfishness of older generations. We're not able to change it as well because many of the representatives and senators all over the U.S. are working us backwards because of campaign contributions. By the end of the century, 50% of species we know today will be facing extinction.