

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,
My name is Emily Marvin and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I'm writing to urge you to pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. The bill would build our economy, create job opportunities for low-income and underprivileged communities, and reduce pollution by around 2 million metric tons per year. 10 states have cap-and-invest programs and are already enjoying the benefits. California has outperformed Texas and the rest of the U.S. in manufacturing output, growing in real terms by 26%, all while protecting our environment.

We must act now to combat climate change. Scientists continue to express the urgency of the situation, agreeing we have at most 11 years to drastically reduce carbon emissions or face catastrophic consequences. I am 19 years old and was born in Eugene. Growing up, I used to get excited if it snowed an inch or two because this was rare for Eugene. I am now a student at the University of Oregon and was unable to attend a single class this week because of the 13 inches of snow on the ground. I never experienced such extreme weather until recent years, but it is becoming the new normal. I missed two weeks of my senior year of high school due to a similar storm, and spent those two weeks in my cold, powerless house surrounded by downed trees and power lines. An unstable environment shouldn't threaten my safety or education, but these threats will only continue to grow if we don't take immediate action. Please take the first step toward protecting the future of my generation by passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

Thank you,

A concerned Oregonian