

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee,  
My name is Dr. Erin Brender. I am a physician in Medford, Oregon.  
I strongly support HB 2020, also known as the Clean Energy Jobs Bill, which will  
put a cap and price on greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and invest in  
solutions.

I feel the impact of climate change on my patients now. Climate change has affect  
my patients' health as evident by increased hospital admissions and missed days  
work/school for diseases such as COPD, asthma and heart disease as was  
demonstrably noted during the now extended fire season. These health  
consequences of climate change affect our most vulnerable in society as well--  
children and the elderly--who depend on the government to protect them.

The Clean Energy Jobs bill is a win for the environment, the economy and our  
health!

Revenue will be invested in projects in our communities. The Bill provides funding  
for projects that reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and promote  
adaptation and resilience in the face of climate change. Lost revenue from  
employee sick days and health care costs would be reduced as we address clean  
air which will have an impact on our economy and of course we all will benefit  
from a more stable climate.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

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