

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

My name is Jason R. Smith I live in Astoria Oregon. I am a fourth generation Oregonian. My family has worked in the logging industry, the fishing industry, as farmers, and has a long history working within emergency services. As a result, we have seen first hand the impacts of climate change on Oregon's natural resources. These impacts have driven me to step out of the typical family line of work. For the past 10 years I have been working on and around the Columbia River watershed trying to restore habitat for wild salmon and recover healthy forests and watersheds that local communities depend upon. Climate change is real, and we as Oregonians must do something about it so our children and grandchildren can experience the beauty Oregon has to offer. Supporting HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill is a way protect Oregonians future. The Clean Energy Jobs bill would reduce our carbon footprint from fossil fuels 80% by 2030, and will use a market mechanism to get it done. Every year, millions of dollars in proceeds from Clean Energy Jobs will be reinvested in clean energy solutions, benefiting our economy and our communities. This will help putting Oregonians to work in a sustainable way by making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses to save people money, building affordable housing near transit and investing in more transportation options. Oregon needs to act now by passing HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

You don't have to look far to see the success cap-and-invest programs have. Our southern neighbors in California are a perfect example, outpacing Texas and the rest of the nation in manufacturing output, growing by 26%. Carbon pricing in California has created solid, union manufacturing jobs in the poorest parts of the state. Rural Oregon communities that used to thrive by relying on mills, canneries, and agriculture need help. The Clean Energy Jobs Bill is way to provide assistance to those rural communities in need. Please help Oregon by doing everything you can to protect our future. Passing the clean Energy Jobs bill this year is a crucial first step.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Best,

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