

From: Karen F, Medford resident/Oregon taxpayer

Members of the 2019 Joint Committee on Carbon Cap & Trade,

I am against HB 2020. As a widow on a fixed income I will not be able to afford the high rise in the cost of food, fuel, heating and cooling of my home. You have a fiduciary duty to do no harm and you have been elected to protect the best interests of all citizens of Oregon. With this bill you will not only be harming us, but you will also be penalizing many businesses while exempting a select few of the highest carbon producing companies from the bill's mandates. I find this absurd!

We also have no way of knowing where the financial windfall this bill produces will be spent. The impact of this bill's regulations will have no impact on global carbon reduction as acknowledged by Gov. Brown herself. Locally, the forest fires in Southern Oregon are not caused by climate. They are a direct cause of the past 35-40 years of poor forest management. Please focus more attention and resources on effective forest management and allow us to breathe easier and help our businesses survive the summers.

You are causing a major change in the way Oregon's economy functions with this bill, similar in nature to "forced regime change". Did you see the news coverage regarding the President's trip to Vietnam? Did you see that thick smog in Hanoi? I understand China and India are even worse when it comes to pollution. Maybe you (we) should spend our resources trying to convince "them" to work on their polluting practices. Referencing global economy goes hand in hand with global responsibility and having no boundaries, our air quality is measurably impacted negatively from the practices of those distant higher polluting countries.

Oregon is the third lowest carbon emitting state in the U.S. Some voice that they are worried about their grandchildren's ability to breathe clean air here. Not to worry because they won't be able to afford to live here. Listen to your better angels and table HB2020 so a more equitable bipartisan solution can be formulated....NO on HB2020