

Thank you for allowing public comments regarding the HB2020, the Oregon Climate Action Program.

I object to HB2020 because it is an excessive and punitive bill that vastly harms the citizens of Oregon, many of which are already impoverished such as those in Josephine County.

Of primary concern is the bill states the PUC will allow Public Utilities to charge **differential rates** for their products. "Authorizes Public Utility Commission to allow rate or rate schedule to include differential rates . . ."

The result would be that electric companies could impose higher usage rates to customers at various times throughout the day.

Pacific Power has recently installed "Smart Meters" in Josephine and Jackson Counties in an imposing and underhanded way. They made it almost impossible for customers to "Opt Out" and keep their analog meters. By switching to "Smart Meters," Pacific Power can more closely monitor daily usages, breaking it down to even specific times of the day.

I fear that Oregon will become like other states. In the Sacramento, CA area (namely Rancho Cordova), customers are charged 28% more for electrical usage between 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Such exorbitant, punitive utility rates would do immeasurable harm to the financially struggling citizens of southern Oregon.

Please **oppose** HB2020 and any similar policies such as Legislative Concept 894 (LC894).

Your electorate in this area simply cannot afford it!

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