

On behalf of the City of Hermiston, I submit this testimony regarding HB2020.

Our economy in this part of the state is really driven by agriculture production and processing. These two industries would be negatively impacted by the proposed changes. This proposal also increases basic costs (fuel, utilities and food) for some of our most vulnerable residents that would be difficult for them to absorb. However, because of our dependence on natural resources we support sustainability efforts that make sense and bring results. According to testimony from the Director of Oregon State University's Climate Change Research Institute, a cap and trade program in Oregon would do almost nothing to impact global climate change. Let's find a solution that is sustainable, makes an impact and holds our most vulnerable citizens harmless.

Thank you.

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