

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

My name is Kari Nelsestuen and I live in Portland, Oregon.

As a mother, educator, and fellow Oregonian, HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, is very important to me and my family. A few months ago, my 11-year-old son confided in me that his deepest fear is "dying in a climate-related catastrophe." I was so sad to hear that this is how a child is internalizing what is happening to our planet. His fear is real. At the same time, I was also mobilized by his reaction to everything happening in the environment around him in Oregon and beyond.

Not only will the bill help the environment, but it will create jobs for many Oregonians. I've seen first-hand where the jobs created by this bill can help individuals and communities. My work has taken me around the state; Colton, Jewell, Roseburg, Medford...I've seen the opportunities that the Clean Energy Jobs bill can create that will impact both people and the environment. I am especially happy that the jobs target low-income households who need this the most.

I have told both of my children about this bill. They watched me go to meet with my legislators about it in Salem. They know that this bill, more than any other this year, can impact their future. Help make my son's fears of climate catastrophe lessen. Do everything you can to pass a strong version of HB 2020.

Thank you,
Concerned Oregonian