

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

My name is Seda Foley and I live in Portland. I am writing in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. I would like to remind you that in supporting this bill you are essentially investing in the future, in my future and the future of our earth. This bill will reduce approximately 2 million metric tons of pollution every year as the cap declines. This is huge, because it illustrates a future that Oregonians can still sustain in. I would also like to highlight the amount opportunities this bill will create around the state, around 50,000 people in communities across Oregon will be put to work if this is passed, and these jobs will create a cleaner and healthier Oregon.

As an 18 year old who will graduate high school this year, I have been told to start looking towards the future. Yet right in front of me are alarming signs indicating that the future of my generation and the health of our world will be jeopardized by that of climate change. I realize that now if I want a future it is my responsibility to take action and fight for it. For the next decade, because that is the little amount of time that we have, we will have to fight and organize our hardest to combat climate change. I am asking for your help by passing the Clean Energy Jobs Bill now, to ensure that my future and the future generations have clean air to breath, fresh water to drink and a healthy earth that gives them the opportunity of a future.

Thank you,
Concerned Oregonian