

Medford, Oregon

February 23, 2019

To: Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee,

My name is Paul Prinsen, a resident of Medford and retired engineer.

I strongly oppose HB 2020, also known as Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

According to testimony of 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 and a similar statement was made by the DEQ. Net gain for the climate about zero.

Certain high energy use industries, like cement and paper would be forced to leave the state, which adds to the cost and adds emissions due to additional transportation. Now we are at a net loss for the climate.

HB2020 does not address the true and acute environmental disaster, we in Southern Oregon face with increasing severity each summer: Smoke, fine particle dust, fire and economic damage to agriculture and the tourist industry.

The estimated drain on the economy, or revenue to the state, it depends on which side of the table one is seated is \$550 million dollars per year. What do we get for this: No positive environmental change and a promise for "green jobs".

When the forestry industry was destroyed we were promised recreation and tourist jobs. These jobs did not materialize in a meaningful way and much of rural Oregon never recovered. Green jobs due to this cap and trade bill: Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me. As it is, Oregon leads in green jobs. The financial burden imposed by this cap and trade bill will make Oregon producers less competitive and lead to a net decrease in green job opportunities.

As a resident of Medford I look at you to represent us in our community and it is your fiduciary duty to protect us from this punitive legislative action.

Thank you for the consideration and for your service.

Sincerely,

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