

RE: House Bill 2020, Cap-and-Trade Legislation

I am Dr. Robert I. Price of Medford. As a scientist I tend to emphasize the cap aspect of the cap-and-trade legislation you are now considering.

We have known for decades that extracting geologically sequestered coal, oil, shale, and the stuff called natural gas¹ is very bad for our environment. In addition, hydraulic fracturing techniques and processing tar sands are an order of magnitude worse.

The environmental consequences are not just about us fouling where we sleep. The consequences are about transforming the Earth into something we have never experienced. Our irresponsible behavior has produced detrimental changes consistently exceeding our more conservative expectations.

As for the trade aspect, it is clear HB 2020 is good for Southern Oregon's economy as we develop strategies and infrastructure to transform our society and create a clean energy future.

House Bill 2020 Cap and Trade Legislation is a good first step in a long and intricate process needed to correct for several decades of reckless behavior and unbridled avarice.

¹Primarily methane with ethane, propane, butane, pentane, and whatever the cat dragged in.