

# Written Comment: Clean Energy Job Bills

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I commend the State of Oregon for taking Climate Action. ~~However~~  
The sentiment is necessary given the state of our  
planet. However, the Clean Energy Job bill is a false  
promise, a ~~false~~ bill that lacks teeth, and overall,  
an ineffective waste of time. The bill fails to recognize  
who Oregon's top greenhouse gas emitters are (timber,  
electric utilities, agriculture, and fuels), giving exemptions and  
loopholes. There is also no limit on construction of new fossil  
fuel infrastructure, which includes Jordan Cove, which is set  
to be the biggest carbon emitter and polluter in the state.  
Studies show that cap and trade doesn't lower emissions.  
However, cap and trade creates massive profits for polluters. It  
only benefits the people and corporations who are ~~the~~  
the most guilty for our climate crisis. So I urge the  
State of Oregon to take actual meaningful climate change  
action and regulate the industries most responsible,  
support our food system and public transportation, and  
spend money on job programs to support workers to transition  
away from polluting industries. This is a false solution and  
I urge you to take this energy and pass a bill that  
would actually work.

**Climate Action in Oregon can't stop at a strong Clean Energy Jobs Bill worthy of the name. We need an Oregon Green New Deal that will create new jobs in renewable energy, lower energy costs, prepare our communities for the impacts of climate change, promote sustainable farms and forests, strengthen our public transportation systems, and more. Grassroots groups across Oregon are coming together to work for a Oregon Green New Deal that will:**

- 1. Phase out fossil fuel infrastructure.**
- 2. Strong regulation for healthy breathable air.**
- 3. Community-controlled 100% renewable energy.**
- 4. Climate-smart farms & forests.**
- 5. Expand transit operations.**
- 6. Protect communities already experiencing a changing climate.**
- 7. Fund the transition to renewable energy.**