

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

Thank you for coming to our beautiful town here in Central Oregon.

My name is Nancy Boever and I am a resident of Bend, Oregon. I am testifying in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill which will be a benefit to our economy, our climate and our reputation as a state that cherishes our wilderness and are faithful stewards of our public lands.

The time is now for our legislators to lead Oregon into a new future that acknowledges Climate Change and its impact on our planet. As our leaders, we expect you to take the long view and consider our future and what we leave behind for future generations.

It's easy to bow to corporate threats of job losses or higher gas prices but we know that these are fictitious stories created to scare you into not doing enough to address the real and present devastation that Climate Change is having on our lives, our economy, our forests, our oceans and our future.

We can look at the real impact of similar cap-and-invest programs in ten other states. After years of experience, all of them have: growing economies, falling emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created.

As you drive through the beautiful high desert of Eastern Oregon, you will also see that our communities need the jobs that this program will create.

We need the economic benefits that this program will bring to our communities. As you may recall, "An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses."

** Our most vulnerable community members – children, elders, communities of color, low-income and rural Oregonians -- suffer most from climate impacts like wildfire smoke and extreme heat.

I urge you to consider our future and stand up for the people of eastern Oregon and throughout the state and support the strongest possible Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

Thank you
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