

My testimony:

I commend Co-Chairs Embrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction for bringing this chance for us citizens to have a voice in making democracy work through these discussions. Making Democracy Work is the theme for the League of Women Voters of Deschutes County, of which I am a part, this year.

My husband and I subscribe to the New Yorker, The Atlantic, The Economist and Sunday N.Y. Times, all of which have been discussing climate change. To weeks ago the Review section of the Times had a flaming front page, saying it is time to panic, we have only eleven years to try to deal with climate changes coming at us.

So how encouraging to learn about something that's doable in the here and now, that other speakers will probably describe in more detail, but that in Clean Energy jobs we will be able to have jobs that bring solutions for clean air, a survival essential for us all. Some of the jobs may exist at skill levels that can begun being learned in high school shop classes. The Bend Bulletin ran an article recently about the increase of students staying in school and graduating who took shop. Clean Energy Jobs will put Oregon in the forefront of states undertaking the kind of solutions we must begin to do as soon as possible.

I think I'm getting this to you just under the wire for the March 2nd date.

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