

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

My name is David Nissen, founder and president of Wanderlust Tours, based in Bend, OR. I am writing in support of HB 2020.

I request your support of this Bill because I believe that it will be beneficial to both our economy and our environment.

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.

What is equally important to me is that hundreds of millions of dollars per year in proceeds from Clean Energy Jobs will be reinvested in clean energy solutions -- putting Oregonians to work by making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses to save people money, building affordable housing near transit and investing in more transportation options.

This Bill will also take necessary steps to reduce the chances of wildfire. Our forests burn with increasing intensity filling the sky with choking smoke. In 2017 and 2018, wildfires in the west cost Oregon millions of dollars in lost visitor spending- my business felt this economic impact directly! We can't let this become our new normal. My business and the livelihood of those whom I support at Wanderlust Tours cannot sustain this year after year loss.

Oregon needs to help lead the nation in reducing carbon emissions upholding our responsibility to our earth and future generations. Please act by helping to pass this vital legislation.

Yours,
David Nissen

"Discover What's Around This Bend!"
Dave Nissen
Wanderlust Tours
61535 S. Hwy. 97 Ste. 13
Bend, OR 97702
541-389-8359
wanderlusttours.com
Facebook.com/wanderlusttoursbend/