

Dear Representatives Dembrow and Power,

I just heard an owner of a trucking company state that Oregon is the most expensive state to operate such a business. This is simply not true. I invite you to check the facts available at many reputable sources, including NBC News:

<https://www.nbcnews.com/businessmain/which-state-most-expensive-driving-6C10962848>

Thank you for your diligence and flexibility,

Mimi Alkire, Deschutes County voter

Sent from my iPhone

Pardon my thumbs.

I felt in need of a great pilgrimage, so I sat still for three days.

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

My name is Melanie Alkire and I currently live in Deschutes County. I am 66 years old and have lived in Oregon for most of my life, in Eastern, Central, and in the Willamette Valley. I am proud to be an Oregonian. My grandsons (aged 5, 8, and 19) live in Portland, so I am there often. It's very important to me that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit both environment and 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. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2.2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every two years, this will help the environment. Scientists agree we have 11 years to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change. At that time my grandsons will be 16, 19, and 30! I want them to have clean air and a promising future. We HAVE to do our part.

Clean Energy Jobs is a policy that has been in the making for over a decade. We must act now and pass HB 2020 this year.

Ten states already have successful cap-and-invest programs running now. After years of experience, all of them have: growing economies, falling CO2 emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created. Oregon should be next.

Since cap-and-trade, California has outperformed Texas and the rest of the U.S. in manufacturing output, growing in real terms by 26%. California's carbon price has also created good, union manufacturing jobs in the poorest parts of the state.

Thank you,

A Proud Oregonian

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