

Introduction:

My name is Thaddeus Groszkiewicz; I live in Bend and have lived in Oregon off and on since 1975. I am semi-retired technical writer, having worked over the past 50 years in the fields of Epidemiology, Environmental Engineering (public and private sectors), Industrial process control engineering, and computer hardware and software design and implementation.

Testimony:

The specter is real. Global population migrations, driven by loss of habitable/arable land due to climate driven inundation by rising ocean levels, loom. Other serious manifestations of changing global climate are poised to rearrange and challenge humanity's ability to thrive on this earth. Big problems are best addressed from the top down. Our world of diverse cultures and needs has come together to commit to a global solution. *Unfortunately our own country has abdicated its leadership in that effort.* In the absence of a coordinated national approach to carbon emissions reduction, Oregon needs to claim its place as a leader in the same way it did in the days of Tom McCall when "fishable, swimmable waters" was the goal. HB2020 is a grassroots step toward a national commitment.

***I urge passage of the HB2020 bill.*** I additionally urge the reduction of the impact of HB2020 on local farmers by *offering credits for carbon sequestration on privately owned agricultural land under cultivation.* Also I think you should eliminate the exemption for the timber industry and offer similar credits for privately owned timberlands that are not being logged.

Thank you for holding the hearing. Please pay attention to all of the voices in the room, especially the many multi-generational farmers who drove many miles on this very wintry day to appear in person and and testify.

Sincerely,  
Ted Groszkiewicz