

Testimony in support of HB 2020:

My name is Patrice Barreto. I have lived in the amazing state of Oregon for 58 years, and in Eastern Oregon (La Grande) for 27 of those years. I am excited about the opportunity that HB 2020 presents for this state. Oregon has long been seen as a front-runner of legislation that sets a standard for protecting the health of constituents and the environment. HB 2020 is another example of this type of bill. People move to Oregon, remain in Oregon, and set up business in Oregon in large part due to its appeal as a place where individuals can enjoy the diverse environment in which we are living, working, commuting, and raising our families. The Clean Energy Jobs Bill is a step toward improving conditions which have emerged due to growing dependence on fossil fuels, and changes in climate world-wide. HB 2020 will create motivation for forward change through increased costs of fossil fuels, while demonstrating that economic benefit and clean energy are not mutually exclusive. Please take this opportunity to act boldly and responsibly to reduce emissions within this state, thereby providing the protection and leadership we expect from our Oregon legislators.

Thank you for your work!!

Patrice Barreto