

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

I am writing today to voice my support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill because of the looming climate changing disaster facing us, particularly our children. My name is Andrew Yeoman, I am a father and resident of Portland, and I am writing to urge you to strengthen and pass HB2020. I am also strongly in support of the Clean Energy Jobs bill because it will create employment opportunities for so many in need in Oregon.

Climate impacts is already impacting our more vulnerable citizens. Fires rage throughout the state each summer, and seem to grow in size and intensity each year. Our state is often in drought, and it is often severe, and when the storms do come, they are so intense that many new problems arise. This bill will help all Oregonians, particularly those in harm's way. It will position Oregon at the forefront of the movement to combat climate change. It will help put Oregonians to work and will make 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.

As a father to a young child, I am extremely worried that the effects of global warming are hitting us harder with each passing year, and I cannot being to imagine the ways that this will negatively impact her future. Any measure that can help fight this battle needs to embraced and moved on with the utmost urgency.

HB2020 is a strong step in that direction.

10 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.

Please don't dilute this bill any further. There will always be interests that desire the status quo. But we need this now. We can't wait any longer.

Thank you for your leadership on the Clean Energy Jobs bill,

Andrew Yeoman