

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

My name is Lisa Caine and I live in Portland. I am writing to implore you to pass HB 2020, the Clean energy jobs bill. 10 states already have successful cap and invest programs running now. All of them have growing economies, falling CO2 emissions, and thousands of jobs created. An independent economic study shows HB 2020 will add to household income across all tax brackets, with most going to low income households. It will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will actually lower costs for people and businesses. I know our biggest polluters, the multi-million dollar corporations threaten to pass on the cost of their pollution. This Has Not happened in other states with cap-and-invest laws. 2 out of 3 Oregonians favor making them pay their fair share. Please stand up to these corporate polluters.

Such an important part of the bill is the declining cap that guarantees a reduction of around 2 million metric tons of pollution every year! The recent reports give us maybe 11 years to reduce emissions to avoid climate catastrophe. We must act now. It breaks my heart we are destroying this planet and every other species on it. My son is a teenager, we owe it to them to change direction. Clean Energy Jobs has been in the making for over a decade. Please act now, it is a huge opportunity for Oregon.

Thank you,
Lisa Caine