

Dear Legislature:

I am a resident of Eugene, Oregon, and have resided here since 2009. I am a retired high school teacher from Los Angeles, CA. I am also a wife and mother. I am an active artist and activist, focused on wildlife, the environment and all forms of nature.

I am supporting the Clean Energy Jobs (HB 2020) because I know that our planet needs to get off of fossil fuels. We need to transition to clean energy and an economy that will generate at least 50,000 jobs or more in the future. We can no longer deny climate chaos because we are experiencing it in our daily lives.

Since my move to Eugene, I have experienced an increase in sustained heat waves in the summers (36 consecutive days of over 95 degree weather) which is dangerous for myself who has asthma, and more ice and snow storms in the winters: trees on my personal property have been destroyed not to mention the damage to homes, cars and people. We have suffered long periods without electricity due to fallen trees, etc. I have witnessed firsthand, the starfish die off syndrome due to the Pacific oceans rise in temperature. This impacts the fishing and shellfish industry.

In short, I left California because of the effects climate chaos has had on this beautiful state. California is now leading the way in trying to reclaim its natural resources. The avaricious exploitation of California's resources has been devastating. Forty years ago, while walking along the shoreline in California, I found a large, beautiful abalone seashell. They are all gone now, not even a broken shell piece remains of this beautiful animal.

I am now seeing the effects of a heating up planet in the still, beautiful and pristine state of Oregon.

We must pass HB 2020!

Sincerely,

Joanna Carrabbio