

SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 2020 -- CLEAN ENERGY JOBS BILL

The term “climate change” was coined in 1956 when scientists began to calculate the effects of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere. “Global warming” came to us in 1975

I became familiar with these ideas in the 1980’s when I was teaching Social Problems classes at Columbia Gorge Community College.

Throughout my 43 years of working with kids in elementary schools....I have NEVER been able to stop CARING about these future generations and what their lives could be like as a result of climate change...and our failure to regard it as the true crisis that it is.

2019—63 years after scientists first began to express their concerns... we are told by the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that we have 11 years, until 2030, to take necessary measures in order to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate change.

Many people just give up...BUT WE CANNOT DO THIS...WE OWE IT TO THE CHILDREN TO PERSIST!

In Oregon we are being presented with a bill—10 years in the making—a jobs bill AND a clean energy bill which head-on offers us strategies and HOPE.

I want Oregon to lead by joining the 10 other states which have successful cap and invest programs. I want Oregon to demonstrate to the rest of our country and to the world that it CARES....

It is imperative that you pass House Bill 2020.

Thank you.

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