

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

I am writing to ask that you please pass HB2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, and make Oregon a leader on climate change. As science overwhelmingly indicates, climate change IS happening, and the question is whether we take bold, productive steps to protect what we value, or we simply let climate change happen to us and, especially, our children. The latter is entirely unacceptable to me, not just because I have a two year old and another little Oregonian on the way. Our job is to leave the world a little better than we found it. I count on my elected leaders to help me do that.

HB2020 is good for our economy, creating new jobs and using clean energy to reduce costs AND significantly reduce pollution. Protecting our environment also protects vital industries like farming and tourism, and it protects our most vital resource: people. The time for bold action on climate change was many years ago. The second best time for bold action is today. We can't delay. Thank you for taking action and helping Oregon lead on this critical issue.

Sincerely,
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