

Committee: I know law makers work hard trying to do the right thing for everyone in our state. I think that would be a really hard job. Please take into consideration Eastern Oregon. If you put this bill into motion it will effect less populated areas more so than the West side. Most people on the West side can drive less than a mile to get groceries. I have to travel 25 miles one direction to pick up my groceries. We are located at Durkee Oregon and have a small farm. We are also retired from Ash Grove Cement Company.

Ash Grove is a great neighbor and a great place to work. They are the only cement producing plant in Oregon. If you pass this bill it will put them out of business and the cement will come into Oregon from China. Ash Grove rails cement to the Western part of Oregon and to Washington. The trucking business takes care of some of the Idaho areas.

I worked at Ash Grove for 27 years. There is no where else in Baker County that you get a decent wage, 401K, health insurance for the family, a vacation every year, holidays off, a ham and turkey for the holidays. Great Christmas parties, and a wonderful college program for the employees kids. Sounds like a place you would probably like to work! Ash Grove has spent millions of dollars trying to comply with Oregon law. To shut Ash Grove down would put 100 plus people out of a job. They would not be able to relocate because no one would buy their homes. There is no more industry coming into Eastern Oregon other than the marijuana trade. I think that industry already has all of their employees.

Please rethink where our lottery money and marijuana money is spent. Take that money to pay for Oregon Pers. Please do not implement the carbon tax.

Thank you

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