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To: Co-chairs Michael Dembrow and Karin Power, and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

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RE: Testimony in support of HB 2020, Clean Energy Jobs Bill

As a water engineer and resident of Oregon since 1972, I have personally witnessed the impacts of human caused climate change on Oregon's snow pack, water supplies, forests, and public health. Diminished stream flows have reduced our domestic and agricultural water supplies and adversely impacted salmon and other wildlife. Drier and hotter weather conditions have resulted in more forest fires and adverse health impacts from smoke.

It is time for Oregon to take action to slow and reverse these climate impacts by passing strong legislation to implement its greenhouse gas reduction goals. That is why I strongly support HB 2020 and urge you to pass it without emission exemptions unless absolutely necessary to prevent leakage across state lines.

I am convinced that capping carbon emissions of Oregon's industries which produce more than 25,000 metric tons per year and investing the proceeds of the emission permit sales in energy efficiency and clean energy will benefit Oregon's economy as well as help improve public health. An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will add to household income across all tax brackets because it will create more than 50,000 good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses. Ten states already have successful cap-and-invest programs. After years of experience, all of these 10 states have: growing economies, falling CO2 emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created. Oregon should join them by passing and

implementing HB 2020.

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2020.