

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

My name is Cathey Ryan and I currently live in Seaside Oregon, and have been a resident of the state for 6 years. I am writing in support of HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill.

The urgency for correcting our man-made problems affecting our planet is real. Scientists agree we have 11 years to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change.

Clean Energy Jobs is a policy that has been in the making for over a decade. We must act now and pass HB 2020 this year.

Ten states already have successful cap-and-invest programs running now. After years of experience, all of them have: growing economies, falling CO2 emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created. Oregon should be next.

Hundreds of millions of dollars per year in proceeds from Clean Energy Jobs will be reinvested in clean energy solutions -- putting Oregonians to work by making clean power like solar available to more people, improving energy efficiency in homes and businesses to save people money, building affordable housing near transit and investing in more transportation options.

An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It 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.

I urge you to do the right thing for our state and it's residents and pass HB2020 for the good of all.

Sincerely,

Cathey Ryan
A VERY concerned resident of Oregon