

Joint Carbon Reduction Committee:

I Improving HB 2020 will benefit Oregonians for many reasons. I believe scientific facts, and the health of Oregonians and Oregon's environment are, without question, intertwined. Most of us want a healthier environment protected without all these loopholes. If the goal is to improve the health of Oregon, then please don't water down a bill with exceptions.

Burning garbage is NOT a renewable energy. Burning plastics is not just bad for children, but also pets, livestock, wildlife, and vegetation. What sense is it to exempt something so dangerous to our health (other than money)?

Burning garbage is only one of the many loopholes in this bill, so my question is; Do Oregonians want to piecemeal a program to improve the lives of its people, or take it seriously and make a real difference? We need to take responsibility for our past and future now. Frankly, it's not fair to future generations if we believe certain entities deserve to be exempt from making our state a better place.

Please consider eliminating exceptions to bill HB 2020, and let's make Oregon a state we can be proud of for taking a stand for its people. Please take this issue seriously, and let's become leaders in the fight against pollution...no more baby steps to correct a system that has for too long benefited the perpetrators.

Thank you,  
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