

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

I am writing to ask that you pass HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. My name is Beatrice “Bebe” Michel and I live in Gearhart, Oregon. We have the opportunity in Oregon to lead with bold solutions to our economic and climate challenges.

I ask that we join the 10 states that already have successful cap-and-invest programs. I’m encouraged by California’s success with a 26% growth rate in manufacturing output and job creation outperforming Texas and the rest of the U.S. Oregon should be a part of this new clean energy economic paradigm. An independent economic study already presented to the legislature in 2019 shows that HB 2020 will power our economy with 50,000 good jobs while transitioning to cleaner energy.

The time to act is now. We may have as few as 11 years to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the worst of climate change. The costs to our state and our economy will be severe if we do nothing.

I live in a low-lying coastal community which is exquisitely vulnerable to sea level rise that is a result of climate change. Our coastal communities cannot afford the economic and personal devastation that will come from doing nothing. Many of my friends and neighbors will suffer great harm if we do not limit the carbon emissions that lead to ice melting and sea level rise.

Passage of HB 2020 will blunt climate change with a reduction in 2 million metric tons of pollutions every year — the equivalent of taking 425,000 off the road while creating good-paying jobs for Oregon workers. Please pass this bill now. Our future depends on it.

Sincerely,
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Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can.

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