

Hello:

I'm a lifelong Oregonian and am horrified by the disasters and crises I've seen due to climate change. Devastating wildfires, unbreathable air, undrinkable water... And it's only going to get worse unless we all take serious action.

While I'm grateful for the attempts HB2020 makes to reduce emissions and create a revenue source for clean energy, there are many flaws in the bill that will undermine its efficacy and that will create harm to our communities in Oregon. This bill must be improved.

Specifically, I ask that you strengthen this bill in the following ways:

1) **increase the carbon reduction goals.** Instead of 45% by 2035, make it 55%. And include an interim goal of 25% by 2025. This is so important because the IPCC has warned that we have precious few years (11 now) to make drastic change to radically reduce our emissions. So we need to have closer target dates to ensure we're making progress.

2) **do not allow the biggest polluters to be exempted:** There should be no exemptions for hydrofluorocarbons which have ENORMOUS global warming impacts. Semiconductor industries such as Intel must change their ways and not be exempted. In addition, there should be no permanent exemptions for timber and dairy, and transportation fuels for aviation and marine craft. These are enormous polluters and they must be subject to reductions or we will never make progress towards our climate goals.

3) **no exemptions for Jordan Cove.** This proposed Jordan Cove/PP project would become our state's biggest GHG emitter if built. To exempt it would render HB 2020 useless.

4) **no exemptions/ no renewable energy credits for medical/municipal waste burning.** These facilities are toxic and emitters of GHGs, so they must be included.

5) **ensure equitable outcomes** by a) establishing a governance commission that reflects communities across Oregon most impacted by climate change AND b) significantly reducing offsets to 2%, Oregon-only/no link to global markets; and c) increasing the climate investment fund's allocation to most impacted communities.

6) **no free allowances for electric utilities.** these are, again, some of our biggest polluters. so we make no progress toward our GHG reduction goals if they get a free pass.

I hope you will consider these points for strengthening what is right now a very weak climate bill.

Thank you,

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