

Representing hundreds of voters in our region, Indivisible North Coast Oregon has endorsed HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. The time for action on climate change is now. Oregon must show leadership and pass this measure. The scientific community has made clear that we must significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions, or the environment we depend on will become uninhabitable.

We must build a sustainable environment and economy for the future. We must invest in jobs that promote energy production from alternatives to fossil fuels, promote reduction in greenhouse gas pollution, and promote energy efficiency. The BEAR assessment from February 2019 predicts that over a span of thirty years, HB 2020 will lead to 2.5% economic growth, creation of about 50,000 jobs, and significant savings in health care costs.

States that have initiated carbon reduction plans have growing economies, stable energy prices and reduced CO2 pollution.

We cannot afford the costs of maintaining the status quo. Damage to coastal dwellers, and the harm to forests, fisheries, and agriculture will cost far more if we do nothing than if we invest in moving our economy away from fossil fuels. We urge you to act now and pass HB 2020.

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