

Hello, Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is Laura Allen, and I live in Seaside, Oregon. I am writing to urge you to support H.B. 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill. We have little time, 11 years, to reduce global warming emissions before there is little we can do to prevent the worst effects of climate change. You are our leaders in this crisis, and my family and I are looking to you to take action to make meaningful emissions reductions. I am disturbed by the campaign of misinformation and fear mongering that is underway to try to stop this bill.

A recent economic study presented to the legislature predicted HB 2020 would generate 2.5% more economic growth, create 50,000 jobs, and save \$2 billion in health care costs within 9 years. What other legislation can do that and help save our beautiful planet?

The Investment component of HB 2020 will stimulate green jobs, for example: in clean energy like solar and improving energy efficiency in homes and business; in building housing near transit and developing more transportation options; in agriculture and forestry to capture and store greenhouse gases from the atmosphere; in communities that are impacted by climate change or the transition to a clean energy economy; in projects that stimulate our adaptation to climate change; and in forestry management that reduces the regional risk from wildfires which, incidentally, caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in tourist dollars just last year.

Gas prices have fallen under California's cap and trade program. This demonstrates that fuel prices are under a wide array of price influences; an emissions cap is not the critical factor.

The Gross Domestic Product of California (overall and per capita) has risen while greenhouse gas emissions (overall and per capita) have fallen.

There is no reason to think Oregon will not have the same positive experience.

And, H.B. 2020 means a reduction of about 2 million metric tons of pollution every year, the equivalent of taking 425,000 cars off the road.

Please vote yes on H.B. 2020 and move this bill forward for votes in the House and Senate. Thank you very much.

Laura Allen