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To Co-Chairs Senator Dembrow and Representative Powers
Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

HB 2020 support and request for additional allocation of funds

We are strong supporters of HB2020 and appreciate all the work that has gone into it so far.

Regarding the Climate Investments Fund and how the moneys are to be allocated, we are in agreement with the percentages as written.

However, we suggest that, in order to strengthen the support for rural communities, a dedicated 20 percent from the Climate Investments Fund should also be allocated for investments in “natural and working lands”.

The Statement of Purpose for HB2020 states in Section 6 (1) (c): “To promote the adaptation and resilience of natural and working lands, fish and wildlife resources, communities, the economy and this state’s infrastructure in the face of climate change and ocean acidification.”

SB 1507 in the 2018 session had included 20 percent for natural and working lands.

We hope you will consider the importance of re-instating this allocation into the current HB2020.

Cc Sen Peter Courtney
Cc Rep Tina Kotek