



Before the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

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To: Co-Chair Senator Michael Dembrow
Co-Chair Representative Karin Power
Co-Vice Chair Senator Cliff Bentz
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Members of the Committee

Subject: Amendment HB 2020 -45 2019

It is time for immediate action to address global warming and increasing climate risk.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (UNIPCC) report from October 2018 and the US Fourth National Climate Assessment from November 2018 tell us we have until 2045-2050 to reach net zero carbon emissions if we want to have a planet habitable for our children and grandchildren.

Oregon's Clean Energy Jobs Bill, HB 2020 is an important step in this direction.

Yet nowhere in HB 2020 are these authoritative findings, or the goals set forth, referenced. We need these science goals to be clear in Oregon! We need a non-partisan definition of "Best Available Science" in the bill. Multnomah Climate Action Democrats have researched a definition already accepted across the aisles of the US House and Senate.

The Federal Government's RESTORE Act of 2012 established the Gulf Coast Restoration Trust Fund in the US treasury Department. The trust disburses funds in accordance with "best available science" which is defined as ... "science that ---

- Maximizes the quality, objectivity, and integrity of information, including statistical information;
- Uses peer-reviewed and publicly available data; and
- Clearly documents and communicates risks and uncertainties in" scientific citations. *

*The RESTORE Act says " ... in the scientific basis for such projects" as funded by the Act.

HB2020-45, sponsored by Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, would add this definition of Best Available Science.

Why do we need a formal definition of "Best Available Science" in HB2020?

Because with it we have CLEAR GOALS from the UNIPCC and National Climate Assessment.

Without it – endless arguments. We do not have time for endless arguments.

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