



**Oregon State
Building and Construction Trades Council**
AFL-CIO



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Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court St. NE, Room H-178
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 2020

Dear Co-Chair Taylor, Co-Chair Reardon and Committee Members:

I am the Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council, an umbrella organization representing 27 member local unions. We decided to put our strong support behind this bill for a couple of reasons:

First of all, HB 2020 includes strong labor protections on the projects funded by the sale of allowances. These projects will be built with strong labor standards that embody the values we hold most dear: Safe working conditions, Hiring local workers, healthcare for our families, retirement benefits, and investment in training Oregon's next generation of the skilled tradeswomen and Tradesmen. These protections will help ensure that good family wage jobs are created for any potential jobs that are lost.

Additionally, we appreciate the inclusion of a Just Transition Program for workers whose jobs are displaced as a result of this policy. We realize there will be some job dislocation as certain industries reshuffle and adapt, but we're excited that new jobs will be created. Our apprenticeship programs provide world-class training for specialized construction trades, and we anticipate many opportunities for collaboration with the state on worker transition efforts.

In conclusion, we realize that climate change is a reality that must be addressed by state and national governments sooner or later. HB 2020 has the potential to push Oregon to the front of the pack in terms of innovation, worker training, and economic transition, ensuring our industries are competitive for decades to come. On behalf of our member unions, I urge your support for HB 2020.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my remarks.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Camarillo".

Robert Camarillo
Executive Secretary