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I oppose HB 1530. I graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in natural resource management and ecology. I am very well versed in carbon emissions and sequestration. Not only will this bill be detrimental to Oregon's economy, it will also have unintended negative consequences on natural resource management. The focus should be on increasing carbon sequestration through forest management and restoration. This bill will shut down numerous contractors that do vital forest restoration work. The State of Washington is recognizing the important role of forests in carbon sequestration and emphasizing forest management in their bills. I urge Oregon to do the same.

The carbon credits system is a dangerous business. Corporations with unlimited resources will buy up mass amount of credits. Small businesses don't stand a chance. After the initial auction if a local small business needs to buy credits they could have to pay astronomical prices. Small business can't compete and will close, meanwhile large businesses will continue to pollute. This combined with the gas tax (that will hurt every Oregonian) will destroy our economy. Poverty and homelessness will increase. It's a nasty cycle. All of this for an insignificant carbon reduction?

I am appalled that this bill allows exemptions from public record. That alone is enough to break trust in this bill. To have legislators on record saying that the average citizen can't be trusted to vote/understand this issue!? I'm embarrassed to be an Oregonian during this abuse of the short session.

This bill will irrevocably change Oregon. Any carbon policies need to be on a national and global scale, otherwise you will break Oregon's back for nothing. Let us vote.

Sincerely, Sally Christensen